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GEORGE JOSEPH WILLIAM MORGAN

Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 that all persons having claims or demands upon or against the Estate of George Joseph William Morgan, late of Shanghai, China, Stockbroker, deceased, who died on the 9th day of November 1939 at St. Albans in the County of Hertford, England, and of whose estate Letters of Administration (with Will annexed) were granted by His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court for China at Shanghai on the 29th day of January 1940 to Norman Frederick Meyers of Shanghai, the lawful attorney of Sarah Maude Morgan the widow and sole Executrix named in the said Will, are hereby requested to send in writing particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of April 1940 and that after which date the said Norman Frederick Meyers will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto having regard only to claims and demands of which the undersigned shall then have had notice, and will not be answerable for the assets so distributed, or any part thereof, to any person of whose claim or demand the undersigned shall not then have had notice.

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Shanghai, February 16, 1940. 10647

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16 Lithuanian Independence Day (1918)
16 Marquis Li Hung-chang born (1823)
16 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.

Coming Events

FEBRUARY

17 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
17 "Tales of Hoffmann,' Lyceum, 8.45
17 Betar Dance, A.W.C., 9
18 'Tales of Hoffmann', Lyceum, 8.45
18 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
19 S.A.C.S. Medhurst Lounge, 'Ku Embroideries'
19 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
20 A.W.C. Book Review, 4.45
20 For. Y. Lecture: "The Whangpoo—Shanghai's River', by Mr. N. Maas
20 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
20 Tuesday Evening Club, 'Ladies Night'
21 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
22 Royal Society of St. George, annual general meeting, Shanghai Club, 5.30
22 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
23 B.W.A. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
23 Australian and New Zealand Society of Shanghai, annual general meeting
23 Rotary Club, American Club, 8.
23 A.D.C. "Lilac Time, Lyceum, 9
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 2.30
24 A.D.C. 'Lilac Time', Lyceum, 9
24 Portuguese Ladies Benevolent Society Concert, College Municipale, 9
24 Veglione di Mezzaquaresima, Casa d'Italia, ore 21.30
25 A.T.A. 'Dover Road,' aid of Jewish Ladies Benevolent Society Hospital Fund, S.J.S., 5.30.
26 Grand Concert by Mme Denies, dramatic soprano, assisted by Municipal Orchestra, Lyceum, 9.15
27 A.W.C. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
27 For. Y. Lecture: 'Education' by Dr. R. J. McMullen
27 Piano recital by Miss Wincia Tomaszewska, Polish pianist, Lyceum, 9.15
28 A.W.C. Concert, Mrs. Seidl-Margolinski, Mr. Warschauer, 9
29 Ranger Leap Yr. Din. Dance, A.W.C. 8
29 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
29 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg. S.I.B.C., 3

MARCH

5 "Lilliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
6 "Lilliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
7 Community Church Organ Concert, 9
7 "Lilliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
8 United Services Assn. extraordinary general meeting and annual general meeting, Shanghai Club, 5.30
8 "Lilliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
8 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
8 A.W.C. Song Recital, Irmgard Menzel, 9
9 "Lilliom," in aid of Friends of Finland Fund, Lyceum Theatre, 9
12 B.W.A. Jumble Sale, 9.30 a.m.

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By kind permission of the Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club the Annual Race Meeting will be held on the Shanghai Race Course on Saturday, February 17, 1940.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

GEORGE McBAIN,
General Agents.

Shanghai, February 15, 1940. 10646

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fourteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Yokohama Specie Bank Building, on Thursday, February 29, 1940, at 3 p.m. to pass the Report and Accounts for the year ended November 30, 1939, and to discuss other business of the Association.

By Order,
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In re Application for Letters of Administration of Estate of The Late MICHAIL GRIGORIEVICH EPSTEIN *(Moisha-Movsha Gershovich), Russian*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public that:

WHEREAS Annie Epstein has filed a petition with this Court for issuance to her of Letters of Administration for the above-mentioned Estate, stating in essence that her deceased father Michail Grigorievich Epstein, Russian, died in 1939, at Shanghai, leaving, in the name of M. G. Epstein, a cash order (Sola of Exchange) No. 26898, amounting to US$100, payable on June 24, 1938, with the Chase Bank, and deposits of Sterling Saving Account No. 3193, amounting to £90 9 4; of US Dollar Saving Account No. 3194, amounting to US$747.32; and of Shanghai Dollar Current Account amounting to CNC$12,990.83, with the same Bank; and a deposit of US Dollar Saving Account No. 16869 amounting to US$19.85, and of Shanghai Dollar Current Account amounting to CNC$0.28, with the National City Bank of New York; and a deposit of Chinese National Currency No. 26, amounting to CNC$6.37, with the Asiatic Credit Company; a deposit of Chinese National Currency amounting to CNC$6.11, with the Netherlands Trading Society; and a deposit of Current Account No. 10043, amounting to CNC$4.63, with the Bank of China, Yates Road Office; and two Insurance Policies, No. 601381 dated January 18, 1938 and No. 484197 dated January 19, 1938, the amount of both of them being Canadian Currency $1,395.31, with the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company. The above-mentioned Estate should be inherited and administred by the petitioner.

NOW THEREFORE publication hereof is made in the newspapers to notify the public that whosoever objects to such petition shall file such objection with this Court within the period commencing from the first day of publication and ending on the twentieth day after the last day of publication. If no objection has been filed within the specified period of time, this Court will forthwith grant Letters of Administration of the said Estate.

December 14, 1939.

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H. C. L. Enquiry :

Present Methods Criticized

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—My point in addressing you today, and in particular Miss Hinder, is solely for the purposes stated herein below. For various reasons, I would appreciate that Miss Hinder and her staff respect my identity which could be traced through her files.

I understand that Miss Hinder is not receiving the support from the community in her effort to arrive at, and to produce statistics showing the H.C.L. for foreigners, which the Council had put into her capable hands after having received many requests from various firms asking if they had any figures showing the H.C.L. for foreigners.

It is a pity that Miss Hinder is not receiving this support from the Shanghai Community, as we (if I may so say) the working class of the foreign community, have everything to gain by the establishment of the actual H.C.L. for foreigners.

Then why, why this lack of support? Obviously something is wrong or perhaps I should say, the inconvenience and trouble encountered by the housewives in conforming with the present system of keeping records as requested by Miss Hinder, not to mention frayed nerves and irritability met by home-coming husbands. For example, my wife did not complete her records the very first month, which ended when she very generously offered me the pleasure of doing them myself. She had no end of trouble with the cook and she was not going to lose him for another just as bad if not worse.

Most families living on budget, give their cooks a fixed amount for marketing daily, and cooks, as we all know, resent being questioned. They must make their usual squeeze and if you change your cook, it would be the same story all over again. So, if you are satisfied with the quality and quantity he puts on your table, you would sooner give up keeping these records rather than have him walk out on you.

Why ask several hundred housewives to write down the same things? They all pay for instance $5.50 per lb. for a certain brand of butter last week and $5.60 this week: so much for beef yesterday and so much today, etc., etc. Such details could be obtained from your own paper which publishes daily the current market prices, and Miss Hinder could too, obtain from several leading and otherwise storekeepers their current prices for groceries.

In my opinion, Miss Hinder is "barking up the wrong tree." Let us suppose a family man is earning a salary of say $400 per month and has not had an increase for several years nor is he receiving any H.C.L. allowance. His cost of living has not increased. He was able to live in a nice house or apartment, could afford to buy butter, eggs, milk and good beef, etc. Now, since one must live within one's own income, i.e. $400 he and his family are compelled to live in a one-room flat, eating margarine in lieu of butter, no eggs, no milk for the children, poor quality beef, and his wife keeps a record for Miss Hinder showing that margarine has gone up 20 cents in one week. Does that tell Miss Hinder his H.C.L? It does not, because it has not gone up. What has really happened is that his standard of living has gone down tremendously and for him to maintain his old standard of living, i.e. butter, eggs, milk, etc., it would probably cost him $700 or more per month. That would be the true H.C.L. for this family.

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Poor children, they have not had milk for months now.

P.F. 30.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

High Prices :

New Year Spending

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Having seen SOUP MEAT's letter on the rather unreasonable hike of prices during the few days preceding the China New Year, I am not surprised at all, as it is the age-old custom in this city (or country) to indulge in this "sort of privilege" as SOUP MEAT will soon find out if he stays longer in China.

There can be one or two explanations but they are all largely psychological, being influenced by the exuberance of spending at this time of year. Usually before the Spring Festivals every Chinese has or manages to get an abundance of cash to prepare for its celebration. Then there is the custom of paying out bonuses before the China New Year. One way or the other shopkeepers know that the public have plenty of free cash with which to make last-minute purchases to lay in for those days during New Year when there would be a hiatus in trading. So the situation resolves itself into this: The Public are keen to buy; they have plenty of money; the shops are to be closed for the holidays; and so why not make a clean breast of it?

Taking advantage of the situation, middle-class barbers in town also charge double prices and the tips in Chinese restaurants follow threefold, fourfold or as the avarice of the restaurant-keepers may dictate. Rickshaw pullers are not to be outdone and usually ask for some extra consolations; house-servants receive "red-packets"; and it would appear that the most miserly among the city's population could also afford to be more lavish in their personal appearance on this day of days.

This year particularly the hike in prices seems to assume dumbfounded proportions as the "go-getting" among traders grows from bad to worse knowing that no effective regulations exist for the control of prices in this "great" city. Who suffers then? The small wage-earner, the office worker, the labourer. The economic scale is turned against these unfortunate individuals who sweat from day to day only to indulge in a little peak-spending at this time of year. The logical conclusion is that if they had no previous savings they either borrowed or begged, and the further consequence of this is obvious from the crime reports in the papers.

Ours is a most wonderful city. It has charitable institutions galore, Salvation Army Hot-Rice Vans doing their nocturnal rounds, an almost continuous call for subscriptions for charitable purposes, which seems to speak a lot for the city's poor. Yet through it all, aside from this plausible gesture, there still remains much of the human greed for gains as evidenced by immoral exchange speculations, hoarding and manipulation of prices, shortweight scales, etc. A whole population of paupers has grown out of the aftermath of the Shanghai War and what these destitutes need is not so much ceaseless charity but a chance to regain their respect in the community; unfortunately, however, that can hardly be brought about so long as they continue to be mercilessly exploited by mercenary traders and employers alike.

K. H. B.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

Boarding Houses :

Buffalo a la Mode

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Long-suffering guests of many Chinese-owned, but foreign-style boarding houses, under the nominal management of elderly ladies, are today true victims of circumstances brought about by the China Incident and are obliged to satisfy the inner man by consuming food prepared in the main from buffalo flesh in every shape and form.

For some months now my daily diet of buffalo has made me feel like a Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Water Buffaloes. I have consumed dishes prepared from almost every part of the lumbering quadruped, including tails, tongues, tripe and what have you belonging to the animal? The menu put before the boarders for perusal falsely describes the *plat du jour* as beng ox or beef. And what is left over from some meals is often hashed up to make its appearance on the festive board under the name and style of "Scotch pie." This is just another insult to Scotland.

One often wonders why our Public Health Department so passively refrains from interfering in this fraud upon guests of licensed boarding houses, or Private Hotels as they are now styled under a recently published set of regulations. Surely a clause could be added to this set of rules forbidding misdescription of food listed on menus and providing that when buffalo flesh is served it must be so described and not falsely stated to be beef or ox, which it is not.

I have long since decided that the name of the establishment where I have the misfortune to reside could with every justification and appropriateness be changed to "Buffalo Lodge" and so saying I feel that the buffalo running through my veins gives ample cause that I should subscribe myself

BUFFALO BILL.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

The Hunchback :

Inviolable Confession

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—A few years ago prizes were offered for the best criticism made of certain pictures. The offer should still be good, as I have a strong criticism to make of the picture "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," not of the entire picture for it was good and well supported by a fine cast, but of one of its finest parts. In the scene, Frollo, the King's Justice, murdered the Captain of the Guards. Later he confesses to his brother the Archbishop of N.D. When an innocent girl was sentenced to be hanged for the crime, the Archbishop rushed into the King's Chamber when the King was at conference with Frollo, pleading for the girl's freedom, swearing her innocence. Whereupon the king, suspecting the Archbishop of knowing the real criminal, besides being a confessor, urged the Archbishop to summit to him the real murderer. Although the Archbishop did not exactly pronounce the name of the assassin, he made it so distinct when he said, "I am waiting for my brother to speak." His brother then admitted his guilt and walked out of the chamber. The king then further summoned the Archbishop to give the motive for the killing. The Archbishop replied, "For the love of a woman."

The erroneous point is that any confessor cannot and will not repeat, even to a king, one's confession.

I wonder if Victor Hugo made the same mistake.

A CRITIC.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

S.M.C. Income :

Why Not a Lottery ?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

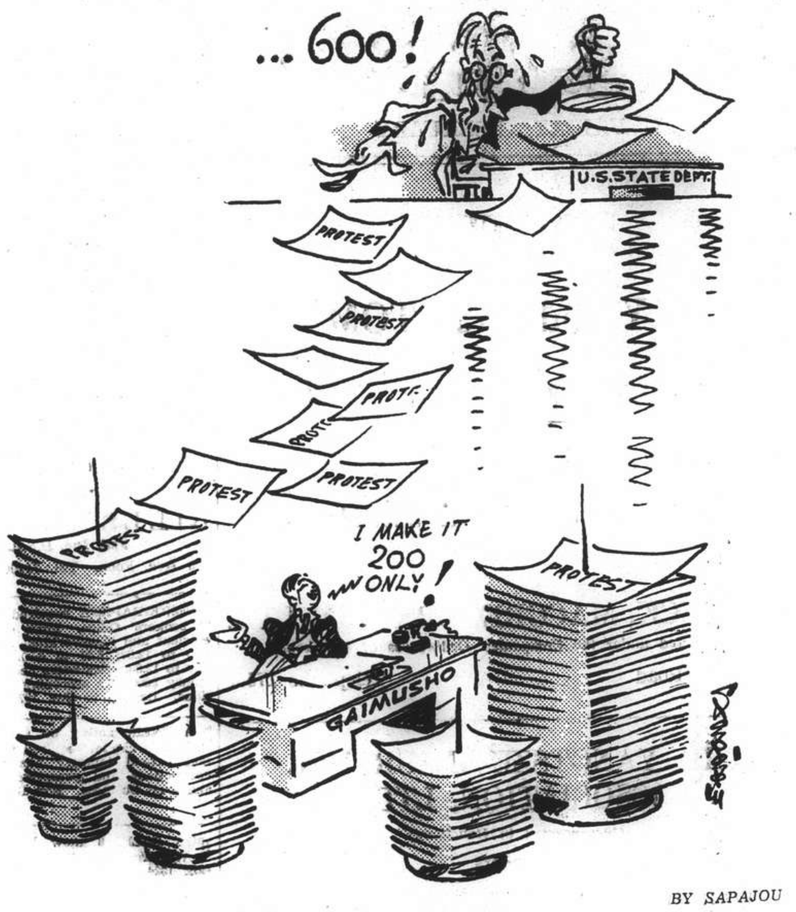
SIR,—Rumour has it that the Council may this year increase the rates by no less than 50 per cent. in order to balance the budget for the year 1940.

No doubt there will be a hue and cry against an increase in rates, be the increase justified or not, and I am, therefore, suggesting that an attempt be made by the responsible authorities to raise additional revenue not by taxation but by a municipal lottery.

I should not think the technical side of running a lottery would be insurmountable and the fact that almost every country in the world (Britain, Japan and the United States being major receptions) resort to this means to raise revenue should be an inducement to those concerned to consider giving the suggestion at least a trial. A free discussion in your valued paper would test public and probably expert opinion on the subject.

BABOOSHKA.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.



BY SAPAJOU

Difference In Arithmetic

Friends of Finland :

Thanks for Encouragement

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—May I take this opportunity to convey my deep appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the letter from ANOTHER DANE which appeared in the columns of your esteemed journal this morning. At a time when lovers of peace and fair-play are too often assailed by pessimism and doubt, it is indeed refreshing to receive such encouraging messages as the one contained in his letter. As long as there are men like ANOTHER DANE, who not only preach but practise such sentiments, victory will eventually crown the efforts of those who like the Finns give their all to preserve for posterity the Rights of Man.

The struggle for freedom now being waged by our Nordic brethren will some day bear fruit, and the day will surely come when the civilized world will unveil a monument on the Karelian Isthmus to the memory of those whose courage and fortitude has given us back faith and hope. In this, the most difficult period of the Finnish resistance, may the help which they so badly need be prompt and adequate.

K. A. PERSEN.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

Answered :

Question About a Book

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—The author of "Le Jardin des Supplices" was Octave Mirbeau. The book was published by Eugene Farguille, Paris. I suppose you may get the French edition from the leading French bookstores here or find a copy in the libraries of the different French Clubs or Aurora. I believe an English translation was published a long time ago in London. Perhaps Kelly & Walsh or the American Bookstore have it.

DAGOBERT SABATZKY.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.

Canada's Governor :

An Error Corrected

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Referring to the Havas message quoted in today's paper re the Governor-Generalship of Canada, the only way the gentleman therein nominated could fill the post is from the celestial heights, the poor man having died in 1938.

The tenth Duke of Devonshire is some 44 years of age and succeeded his father the ninth Duke in May 1938. He has never held the post of Governor General of anything so far.

This merely for the sake of greater accuracy.

J. E. MARCH.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.

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Australians Arrive at Camps in Palestine

Scots Prepare Camp and Welcome "Diggers"

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Jaffa, Feb. 14.

The first contingent of Australians arrived yesterday evening in camp in Palestine after five hours in a crowded troop train.

A long line of grey buses conveyed the men from the small station, through orange-groves to the camps prepared by a Scotish regiment, who greeted the newcomers warmly.

The Scots and "Diggers," whose battle-dress contrasted strangely, soon fraternized.—Reuter.

Message from King

Cairo, Feb. 13.

A message from the King to the Second Australian Imperial Force, which arrived at a Middle East port yesterday, was read by Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt, after the troops had landed.

"Twenty-five years ago" stated the King's message "the first contingents of Australian troops crossed the seas to win undying renown wherever they were called to serve in the cause of freedom and justice.

"Today you, who are forerunners of another great Australian Army, have taken the field to uphold the same caused."

Several Australians, describing the passage, told Reuter they had "the voyage of their lives." As the troopships entered various ports of call, they said, they were received with great enthusiasm.

At one port the troops assumed control of traffic, while the population accorded them a welcome, and the police stood by smiling.

The men declared that one of the most outstanding features of the voyage was the extraordinary fraternisation between the Anzacs and the men of the French escorting vessel.—Reuter.

New Zealand Expedition Chief Thanks Navy

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 14.

Major-General C. B. Freyberg, commander-in-chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, has cabled the following message to Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty: "May I send you the thanks of all ranks to the gallant ships of the Royal Navy for protecting us on our voyage to Egypt."

Mr. Churchill replied: "The Royal Navy has been proud to carry the famous Anzacs once again across the ocean. All your old comrades in Royal Naval divisions rejoice to see you at the head of the New Zealand command."—Reuter.

Rumania to Set Control Board for Exports

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 14.

A control board to cover the production of exports of all kinds will be shortly set up by the Rumanian Government, according to a statement issued by the Rumanian Legation here. The institution of the board will form part of a general scheme to control Rumania's natural resources, with a view to conserving supplies necessary to the country. Control boards will be set up later to deal with foodstuffs, timber and other raw materials.—Reuter.

Agreement for Exchange Of War Prisoners

Sick May Be Accommodated In Neutral Country

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 14.

"The British and German Governments have adopted a model draft agreements for the repatriation, or accommodation in a neutral country, of prisoners of war requiring treatment for health reasons," stated Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in answer to a question in the House of Commons last night regarding the conditions for exchange of British and German prisoners of war.

This draft agreement, he said, was suggested in Article 68 of the Geneva convention of 1929, concerning treatment of prisoners of war. The appointment of mixed medical commissions under the terms of the convention was proceeding, but it was not possible at present to state when exchanges were likely to commence, he concluded.—Reuter.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF FEBRUARY 16, 1870

From Chinkiang. The Commissioner of Customs writes in the Quarterly Gazette. The statistics for the quarter show an immense increase in all our principal foreign imports, such as cotton goods, woollens, sugar and sandalwood. For these articles the demand has been most remarkable, particularly for shirtings, the import of which for this tenm nearly equals that of the entire year of 1868. The demand from the northern inland marts continues to improve, and notwithstanding the rumours of dull business owing to recent floods, our quarterly return of cottons sent inland exceeds the high figures of the previous quarter by about 50,000 pieces. Tsinanfu, Tungchangfu and Tsining-chou, in Shantung, have taken about five times the quantity of shirtings they took last term, and the demand from many other cities has increased in the same extraordinary manner. The largest consumer of grey shirtings supplied by Chinkiang is Hsuchowfu, which alone took 13,750 pieces during the three months.

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Woman's Page

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Dec. 31.

A prominent headline in the "Daily Telegraph' bids me "Save Money at the Sales" and "take advantage of the opportunities for wise shoppers." Simultaneously Somerset House gets to work with its racks and tooth-pullers to extract every penny we have. Yet the great stores are packed with shoppers, wise or otherwise, and bargains are swept from the counters as quickly as they can be put on. The annual mystery of the myriads who, after all the Christmas expenses and with income-tax, rates, gas, light and water bills to pay, still have unlimited money to spend, is more amazing this year than ever.

But if one had the money, what opportunities! For Revillon, a name famous in the fur trade of Paris for over two centuries, and in London for 65 years, is closing its London branch at the end of January. The difficulty of getting the raw material in war time is the main reason, though as the Paris house is to continue, some furs must be arriving. Meanwhile there are about £90,000 worth of furs in London to be sold off—Canadian ermine coats marked down from 85 guineas to 39, nutria coats from 89 to 29 and a black sealskin model specially advertised from 145 to 49 guineas. It is dreadful to think of what one might do if it were not for those taxes. And at the same time it is sad to think that a great house, which has sold furs to all the Royalties of Europe, and can remember when ermine really could not be sold to anyone except Royalties, must disappear. Regent Street will not be the same without Revillon.

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A Beloved Nephew

In the midst of war duties the Duke of Kent has found time to visit Kensington Palace; as executor of his great-aunt, the late Princess Louise, he must. She is believed to have left a large fortune, partly inherited from her mother and husband, partly her own savings—for she had lived very quietly for several years—and most of it goes to the Duke of Kent, her favourite nephew. His aunts have done well by him, for he inherited a charming country house, The Coppins, in Buckinghamshire, from Princess Victoria, sister of Edward VII.

Princess Louise was very anxious that the Duke should live in Kensington Palace after her death, and it seems generally understood that he will. But he will have to spend a great deal of money in having the old Palace renovated, and lifts, central heating and new bathrooms put in.

The last Duke of Kent to live in Kensington Palace was the father of Princess, afterwards Queen, Victoria. There she was born, and there she came downstairs in night attire in an early May morning nearly 103 years ago to receive the news that she was Queen. The staircase she walked down is known as "the lost staircase," since access to it from the bottom is now cut off. I have always thought that it must be excessively boring to have to live in a vast mansion. But Kensington Palace is an exception. It is lovely in itself and its surroundings and it has a certain indefinite atmosphere all its own. No place in London speaks so eloquently of the serene, sure days of the 19th century, when the British fleet kept the peace of the world and what money one had or could make was one's own to be spent as one pleased, instead of being immediately torn from one by bungling or vote-catching politicians.

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Strange Doyen

War brings strange contrasts. If the Duke and Duchess of Kent go to Kensington Palace, among their near neighbours will be M. and Mme Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador and his wife. Even Hitler and his gang are hardly more unpopular just now than Stalin, Molotov & Co. Yet the retirement of other Ambassadors is about to make M. Maisky the senior of the Diplomatic Body in London, and thus it will be Mme Maisky's duty to instruct the wives of other diplomats in their Court and social duties. Every new ambassador or minister and his wife will have to call as early as possible on Mme Maisky, and she will present the wives to the King and Queen.

Personally the Maiskys are well liked. When they first came to live in "Millionaires' Row," as Kensington Palace Gardens where their Embassy is are called, the cold shoulder was mostly their portion. Passing years warmed the atmosphere a little, and last Spring, when an Anglo-Franco-Russian pact seemed to be impending, the Maiskys basked in sunshine. Unless we actually go to war with Russia, their position will not be greatly affected. You cannot very well cold-shoulder the "first lady" of the Diplomatic Corps, and Mme Maisky, slender and smiling, unaffected and a little shy, is not the person on whom anyone would wish to pay off the sins of the Kremlin.

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Going, Going——

The continued evacuation of Government officials from London is causing a vast amount of feeling. I am not sure how many have already gone—about 100,000 according to one estimate—but now another 40,000 are to go in January. And there are still thousands here.

In contrast, business firms are coming back, half the evacuated children are at home again, and there is a strong feeling that the Government are setting a very bad example, on the score of general morale.

But the real revolt comes from the civil servants themselves. It is easily imagined how the evacuation breaks up homes and wrecks family budgets. A few days ago the wives of numbers of men (also mothers of numbers of daughters) in the Health Ministry, the next to be evacuated, held an indignation meeting. Then Mr. Elliot, the Minister, asked eight of them to tea hear their grievances, on which they spoke with great plainness. They said, after the party, that he had been perfectly charming—which was probably merely the result of long practice in parliamentary suppleness—but the upshot was that he would not be moved from his determination that the evacuation must go on.

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Heaven-Sent Delay

We are beginning to learn now that at the outset of the war both we and the French were far from being ready. A French military writer has said lately that the world would be amazed if it knew how slenderly the Maginot Line was first held. Obviously the Government had to be prepared for the worst in September. But are we not entitled to think that conditions have changed in our favour? The evacuation is generally disorganizing and very bad for trade.

But one thing that strikes one is the horrible number of people whom, as we now learn, the Government employs to fill up forms in triplicate and file away papers that will never be looked at again.

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Golden Girls

The annual scrutiny of the relative popularity of film stars reveals that Shirley Temple has been sadly ejected from top place. She now comes only third in Great Britain and fifth in America. Deanna Durbin, though only tenth in America—where the first four are all of the rival sex, Mickey Rooney, Tyrone Power, Spencer Tracy and Clark Gable—is easily first in this country.

There is in fact a sort of Deanna Durbin cult in England. Critics write of her as seriously as though she were Ellen Terry and Melba rolled into one. And the curiosity to see how she would emerge from the trial of her latest film—a Cinderella in modern setting story—in which for the first time she is KISSED was as great as if—shall we say?—the Archbishop of Canterbury were suddenly to appear on the stage as Puck. All of which, no doubt from sheer perversity, makes me sympathize with the Athenian who ostracized Aristides merely because he was tired of hearing him called "the Just."

But the life of a film star is very short. Shakespeare must have been thinking prophetically of them when he wrote of golden boys and girls like chimney sweepers coming to dust. Look at Shirley Temple. I wonder whether, when she grows up, she will regain her popularity—I beg her pardon, stage a come-back. Let Deanna enjoy her triumph as long as possible. By all accounts she is a very nice girl—which is not quite the same thing as looking nice on the screen.

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Women Stand Firm

From Paris comes the news that fashion experts in the Spring will try to make women give up carrying bags and have large pockets in their clothes with zip fasteners. At least this is the idea for tweed suits.

It does not seem welcome in London. A leading dressmaker, a City typist and a V.A.D., have all been interviewed and are dead against it. "Why," said one, "in these days we have to carry twice as much as in peace times. To put it all in pockets would make us look simply elephantine."

It will take more than the upheaval of a European war to make women use pockets.

Lacks News photo.

Playing in "Lilac Time"

Three members of the cast of "Lilac Time"—(left to right) Miss Kitty Sharp, Mrs. Rosie Albach-Gerstel, Miss Linda Terry. "Lilac Time" is to be produced by the A.D.C. at the Lyceum Theatre on February 20 and the four following nights. It is a lovely play written round the life of Franz Schubert. It deals with the loves of Schubert and his Bohemian friends, coupled with the intrigues and courtly manners of the period.

Skvirsky

B.W.A.'s New Honorary President

The British Women's Association is very pleased to announce that Lady Clark Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador to China, has consented to become Honorary President of the Association.

Thickened Heel Flap

Here is a practical hint for women who are knitting socks for His Majesty's Forces. The thickened heel is simplicity itself to do, but is greatly appreciated on account of increased wearing qualities and additional comfort.

When the knitter comes to the heel flap, instead of knitting one row plain and one row purl, on the plain side slip the first stitch, knit 1, and continue slip 1, knit 1 to the end of the row; there should be an even number of stitches on the needle. Purl the alternate rows in the usual way, remembering always to slip the first stitch purl-wise. This will give a chain edge, which makes for easy and even picking up of stitches after the heel has been turned. Only the flap is thickened.

This improvement can be incorporated whatever pattern is used.

The Odd Wools

Patchwork

It seems impossible ever to buy exactly the right quantity of wool, and most people have a wool-bag with all the different shades and none enough to make anything, except perhaps woolly balls for children. When the wools are of the same thickness it is a good plan to knit up odds and ends into squares, all of the same size. These should be from five to six inches and should have the edges firmly finished off. That is to say, the first stitch of every row should not be knitted, and in casting on and casting off, care should be taken to obtain firmness of edge. Nearly all good wools look well together, and the different squares can be made in a great variety of colourings. When there are a sufficient number, these can be joined up to make a sort of Joseph's blanket. There need be no particular pattern, only care being seen that next-door colours go well together. If some sort of uniformity is desired in so much irregularity a black or a natural colour edge can be knitted, or one colour can be inserted among all the rest at regular intervals to give the effect of a pattern. It is best first to have all the squares before joining any, as then these can be arranged as a whole instead of in a patchy way. They can be joined up lightly with pins, first in fours and then gradually joining up the fours or whatever number is chosen. This makes a good blanket for a child's cot if there is not so much wool, or for a sofa-end if more is available. Such a knitted wrap is exceedingly warm and useful and, skilfully disposed, lends a welcome touch of colour to a room.

Washing-soda sprinkled over live coals will meet the need if it is desired to keep a small fire going during a temporary absence.

Skirt Lengths

17 Inches Off Ground For Dancing

The law of skirt-lengths is being laid down in London ballrooms. Smart women are dancing in "glamour lamé" dresses 16 to 17 inches off the ground.

The new short dresses have not yet reached the provinces. "Women are still wearing ground length dresses at dances in towns where troops are stationed," a well-known dress designer in Carlos Place said, "These gowns look tawdry in the ballroom."

The only occasions on which the well-dressed woman will wear a ground-length dress today are in her own home or when she dines out.

Short dance frocks are made with attractive back movements in the form of pleats or other fulness so that they swing as the wearer dances. They are cut low in front, zip fastening up the back, with short sleeves squared at the shoulders.

The Use Of Lace

Warmer Than It Looks

Paris.

Lace is always looked on as a fragile material, and sometimes, but by no means always, this is the case. Equally it is not the chilly stuff it is supposed to be, for taken in combination with other garments the lace confection actually has a certain amount of warmth. Finally a lace dress crushes very little. It is easy to pack and easy to freshen. For these reasons lace is being used just now for various purposes.

While lace dresses have warm coats, long and spreading or short and large-sleeved, other materials have lace coats, which add considerably to their warmth indoors. Little coats are made with loose backs, which stand away from the closely fitting waists. There are lace boleros, the long sleeves of which are comforting. Some are frilled round the neck, adding to the general softness. Long lace sleeveless coats are worn with long-sleeved satin dresses. Sometimes a pinkish shade of lace is used with a black charmeuse high-necked, long-sleeved evening frock.

Tunics are made of lace, usually of a pinkish shade. These come down almost to the knees and are gathered round the waist to have a bunched appearance below. Tunics are often cut off slant-wise. Some of them have a frill at the edge. Very long blouses are made of lace. These also reach nearly to the knees and may have big bishop sleeves. Some tunics or blouses have trails of lace over the shoulders.

Lace For Day

Besides the evening purposes for which lace is suitable, it is also made to go with suits and coats. Long coats have a skirt to match and a lace top to the skirt, usually linked to it with a wide coloured sash. Suits have lace blouses. These are often elaborate, but they must remain neat and close. There are perhaps little frills of lace and net down the front to give a general fluffy appearance. Sometimes rich thick lace is used for a shirt with buttons down the front. There are lace waistcoats ending in two points and having brilliant or metal buttons. Colour is often combined with these too, either at the neck or along the edge or with the sash that serves as a belt.

Trousers have come in again for other occasions than merely air-raiding. These may be of black jersey, black satin, dark flannel. With them often goes an elaborate top of lace. Huge lace sleeves go with a lace blouse with a frill round the neck and down the two sides of the front. Sometimes net and lace alternate stiffly on blouse fronts to give them a military look. Black satin loose blouses, worn with black jersey trousers, sometimes have pinkish lace inset in a sort of shirt front. There are high collars finished becomingly with a stock. They only need knee-breeches, instead of trousers, to suggest M. Beaucaire.

Lace comes in for day dresses as well as for the evening. Afternoon frocks are fitted with becoming little aprons edged with lace. This gives the hitched-up line which appears so often in dresses now, and it does it without interfering with the skirt itself. Some short afternoon dresses are made entirely of lace, with perhaps a lace apron in front and two or three tiers of lace in a waterfall down the back. The bustle is suggested by this. Lace calls for velvet, and a black silk jersey afternoon frock with lace sleeves was linked up to the latter with black velvet bows, lending width to the shoulders.

Lace also serves for little touches. Bags are made of it. So are gloves. There are lace derivatives. Schiaparelli has long, slim dresses the necks of which have an edging of or are filled in by guipure, made specially for it by hand. Gloves are worn with this, also of the guipure. Finally lace is worn on hats or as little three-cornered hoods. On hats it usually drops in a waterfall at the back. Hoods are put on cloaks and coats for evenings and they may be made of lace.

Women In the Navy

Training the "Wrens"

London, Nov. 2.

Newly commissioned officers and probationer officers of the Women's Royal Naval Service are being helped to absorb the real naval atmosphere for their work by a fortnight's intensive course at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

They have taken over the big block of buildings normally occupied by the Naval Staff College. The senior officers normally doing their "lessons" in strategy and tactics in that building are now at work in the school of practical experience. But the naval officers, sub-lieutenants of all branches, and some lieutenants are still studying for examinations in the other buildings of the old royal palace by the Thames, so R.N. and W.R.N.S. all meet together at mess in the famous Painted Hall.

The "Wren" officers are being passed through the courses in groups of thirty, half of them already commissioned and in uniform, others on probation and still wearing "civvies" with brassards. Their instruction includes lectures on naval discipline and naval history, hygiene, and control of troops, as well as general administration.

Enlistment Suspended

There are about 2,300 "Wrens" already enlisted, and no more can be taken for the moment. The Portsmouth naval depot has 900 of them, with 60 to 70 women officers in charge of them. The work they take over from the regular naval ratings is varied. Some are secretarial, some are in motor transport, and some are cooks. The youngest girls start as messengers, and some learn that in the Navy any message is a signal, even if it is not sent by officers.

Storekeeping is another of the sections taken over by "Wrens," and it is odd to think of women dealing with the issue of anchors and cables, bales of rope, and other stores sacred to the boatswain.

The women officers at the Royal Naval College are widely diversified in type. Two at least of those I saw yesterday served in the ranks of the W.R.N.S. in the last war, and one had a double row of medal ribbons, including a Russian decoration for service with an ambulance unit or the Warsaw front in 1914. She is today a first officer, responsible for the whole of the "Wren" detachment at one of our largest naval depots.

Organising the Home Knitters

What the Comforts Depots Want

The great revival in home knitting which the war of 1914-1918 brought about and which the fashion for hand-knitted garments during the years that followed encouraged is now bearing good fruit.

Everywhere today women are knitting, sometimes as individuals in their own homes, often in organized groups, and the work they are producing is done expertly.

Ill-shapen garments and badly-fitting ones are few. Careful attention is given to directions and measurements, and the various knitting publications which the present demand for patterns has brought are a valuable guide.

So urgent is the need for knitted comforts that knitting groups are being asked to send garments to comforts depots in half-dozens, instead of waiting to accumulate a large quantity.

As new groups are formed and get to work, the weekly output of hand-knitted garments is rapidly increasing. Here is news of the latest developments at various comforts depots.

Over 700 sub-depots have been formed all over England, Scotland and Wales to work for the Royal Naval War Comforts depot at 11a, West Halkin-street, S. W. The Isle of Man has sub-depots. These groups consist of at least 12 people and can obtain wool at wholesale prices.

For Minesweeping

London has 70 sub-depots making woollies for the Navy. One of the largest is run by a member of the Royal family.

An S O S for sea-boot stockings for minesweepers is being sent out to knitters.

Here is a suggestion for the woman who can crochet. Make minesweeping gloves, which are needed urgently by the fishermen acting as minesweepers. The gloves help them grip the hawsers when handling mines.

They are made of strong cloth. The palm is covered with cotton twine crochet to give grip.

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Maginot Line Godchildren

Mrs. Chamberlain Sent a Pudding

Mrs. Neville Chamberlain sent a Christmas pudding, made by her cook from Empire ingredients, to her twelve French godchildren in the Maginot Line.

It was included in a parcel which contained a scarf for each, cigarettes, and a letter of good wishes.

The soldiers, N.C.Os whom she has never seen, wrote to Mrs. Chamberlain at the beginning of November and asked her to be their "war-time godmother."

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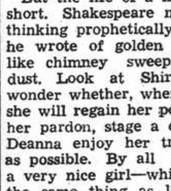

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Low Scores Made in Men's Bowling League

Foreign Y.M.C.A. Maintain Lead; American Club Defeat Race Club by Odd Game

THE defeat of the U.S. Marine Regulars at the hands of their second team, the Recruits, by 2-1, enabled the Foreign Y.M.C.A. who registered an identical victory over the Columbia Country Club "Oaks," to gain a safe lead in the "A" Division of the Shanghai Inter-Club Ten Pins League last night when the second round opened with a full schedule of three senior encounters. The "Y" pinmen have won twelve out of fifteen games while the service team have chalked up eleven out of eighteen. A difference of one pin in the second string robbed the league-leading "Y" from scoring a 3-0 victory. Gray stood out in this game with a fine single of 202 and put the Columbians ahead by a margin of 808-807.

Led by Barten, the Marine Recruits turned the tables on the Regulars by winning the first two games. He started out with a high single of 214 and wound up with a triple of 570. The Regulars would have been beaten had it not been for Dolinsek's single of 211 in the third session.

At the American Club the home team took the measure of the Race Club also by a 2-1 score. The visitors won the third game when the Americans weakened. The two teams are now tied for third place in the competition, each having six games won.

Marine Recruits				
Wells	172	171	162	505
Uhlinger	181	201	168	550
Rozier	136	157	174	467
Barten	214	187	169	570
Childress	164	146	201	511
	867	862	874	2,603
American Club				
Quinn	135	128	148	411
Hartnett	139	181	124	444
Klovekorn	189	165	172	526
Deegan	156	193	158	507
Lurton	189	174	134	497
	808	841	736	2,385
Race Club				
Watton	155	149	110	414
L. K. Kew	116	144	178	438
A. C. Kew	168	208	149	525
Clark	130	154	192	476
Pote-Hunt	196	181	167	544
	785	836	796	2,417
Foreign Y.M.C.A.				
Gonsalves	169	190	152	511
Krause	177	184	186	547
Chanturai	151	127	130	408
Kleffel	169	176	180	525
Butler	178	130	159	467
	844	807	807	2,458
C.C.C. Oaks				
Huebner	177	133	180	494
Stack	142	181	182	505
F. D. Nance	156	166	125	447
Gray	179	202	136	517
Laidlaw	165	122	170	457
	819	808	793	2,420
Marine Regulars				
Messersmith	203	141	170	514
Brown	183	153	161	497
Williams	147	169	179	495
Fiori	182	206	171	559
Dolinsek	190	146	211	551
	809	815	892	2,616

"B" Division

Maple Section				
Marine Writes (2)	797	818	833	2,448
Columbia C. Club (1)	813	778	784	2,375
A. C. Trojans (0)	800	788	789	2,367
"Y" Luckies (3)	831	907	825	2,563
S.R.C. Spares (0)	698	765	786	2,249
Marine Blues (3)	825	808	810	2,443
Pine Section				
S.R.C. Strikes (0)	765	809	792	2,366
"Y" Flukes (3)	807	838	804	2,449
Marine Officers (2)	894	791	908	2,593
Swiss Club (1)	776	817	860	2,353

Light Horse Ride On Sunday

Section Contest to Be Over Same Course Used In Point-to-Point

By "The Chaser"

The Light Horse will hold their annual Section Ride on Sunday, provided of course the weather and ground conditions permit. The ride will start from Hospital Finish at 2.30 p.m. and the course used will be exactly the same as that of their Point-to-Point race with the exception of the big jump, after Springfield's Platform, which will not be taken. The ride will finish at their own finish—the Light Horse Finish.

Points will be awarded to the first three sections as follows; first, thirty points; second, twenty points; and third, fifteen points. Points will also be awarded for alignment at four checking points. Perfect alignment will count five points, slightly out of alignment four points, one refusal three points, two refusals two points, three refusals one point, four or more refusals will receive no points and poor alignment also no points.

The ride will be checked first at the cross jump before Six Tree Creek Line, next at the cross jumps at Hyde Park Corner then at Monument Jump and lastly at the finish, the last two jumps at Light Horse Finish. The sections will be strictly marked at these points and it may even be advisable to go slower at these checking point to ensure good alignment.

Those who have not signified their intention to compete in their ride and wish to do so, may communicate with Mr. A. A. White of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Tel. 15290), who will arrange things, not later than noon tomorrow.

Starting Times During Week-end at Hungjao

The following are the starting times drawn by balloting.

Saturday

12.52 Munro-Faure/Bowker/Sheridans
1.24 Laffonds/Murray Kidd/MacEwan
1.32 Smith Wright/Ricketts/
1.36 Graham/Simpson
1.40 Seddons/Rigden/Sherwin
1.44 Rigden/Pearson/Captains's Time
1.52 Beith/Nazer/Pollock/Grande
1.56 Adamson/Beveridge
2.00 Bates/Powell/Blackwood/Silby
2.04 King/Cook/Banham/Campbell
2.08 Prytherch/Merrill/Gordon/Collett
2.16 Stephenson/Bond/Arnold/Ttaunton
2.20 Jensen/Cheetham
2.24 Martin Little/Wood/Kent/Newman
2.28 Gordon/Keswick/
2.32 Robson/Mc Golrick
2.36 Crokam/Macgregor/Way
2.40 Haley/Mrs. Powell
2.44 Bichard/King/Perry/
2.48 Munro/Partner
2.52 Fullam/Twogood/Young
2.56 Haylm/Wilson/Lock/Ovadia

Sunday

8.28 Haylm/Arnhold/Challinor/Haley
8.48 King/Black/Graham/Laffond
8.56 Gordon/Andrews/Harrison/Nazer
9.08 Bond/Robinson/Henderson/Beith
9.16 Gordon/Hawkins/Grant/Bowker
9.28 Campbell/Cumming/
9.32 Captain's Time
9.36 Prytherch/Piercy/
9.44 Terrace/Farnsworth
9.48 Munro/Cook/Kearton/Adamson
9.56 Lock/Sherwin/Glass/Nicholl
10.08 Maclean/Taunton/
10.12 Cheetham/Murray Kidd
10.16 Fullam/Pharis/Johnston
10.24 Jensen/Munro-Faure
10.28 Kent/King/Quick/May
10.36 Watsons/Ovadias/Sheridans
11.28 MacEwan/Killery

Starting times not listed above are reserved for personal bookings at the Clubhouse on the day.

Members who do not require the starting times allotted to them must inform the Secretary as soon as possible—or on the day, the Gear Boy—so that these times may be left free for other players.

Home Football Season May Be Extended

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 14.

The 20 clubs competing in the South "A" and South "B" regional soccer tournaments, unanimously decided today to promote a "southern challenge cup" knock-out tournament. The Football Association has been asked to extend the season to enable the tournament to run from May 11 to June 8.—Reuter.

Tense Moment in Ice Hockey Match

High in the Japanese Alps ice hockey players are seen battling for points in the course of a game between a Japanese team from Manchuria and the team from Eastern Japan. The goalie is down and the goal about to be violated by opposing forwards. It was all during the winter games held by the Meiji Shrine Sports Club.

Hongkong Teams Sail Home

Record in Shanghai Shows Rugby Victories And Soccer Defeats in Interesting Series

HONGKONG'S soccer and rugger teams left Shanghai early yesterday morning in the Jardine Steamer, Yu Sang. The Colony representatives returned with two victories in the rugby series, two defeats and one draw in the soccer competition during their nine days' stay here. While the rugby team showed distinct superiority over both the Shanghai Interport and U.S. Marine fifteens, the soccer eleven failed to live up to standard. The forward line was woefully weak and the visitors certainly made a bad mistake in playing T. McEwan at outside right and A. V. Gosano at centre-half.

The tactics adopted by the half-backs in watching the winger and not the inside-men was a big handicap. Had Shanghai possessed two inside-forwards of fine shooting calibre, the Colony team would have been beaten by a much wider margin. The goal scored by Fraser in the third game was a good example of how much scope the inside-man had when following up the winger's sending.

Like Hongkong, Shanghai's forward line in the actual Interport was far from satisfactory. C. T. Tsao was completely bottled up by Guy. K. S. Suen opened up well but he lacked the power to score. Victor Roboostoff had very little chance to break his way through while Freddie Foyn was off his usual form, appearing to have lost his confidence. McClarty was good in midfield, but like Suen he lacked scoring ability.

The best performance was turned in by the Rest of Shanghai's Foreign stars in the third game. The local team played a clean, smooth game to win by 3-1. The defence was sturdy while the offensive did all that was necessary to win. Parr on the right wing far outshown Foyn's performance while Karolitch also surpassed Tsao's display. Collaco and Fraser were at their best and they easily excelled McClarty and Suen. Cochran was a little too anxious to get away from the ever-brilliant Guy and was off-side on a number of occasions in the first half.

Following were the results of the series :—

Soccer

Interport Match.—Shanghai 2, Hongkong 0. (Goal-scorers: Roboostoff and Foyn).

Exhibition Matches.—Shanghai Chinese 1, Hongkong 1. (Goal-scorers: Gosano and Waung).

Shanghai Foreigners 3, Hongkong 1.—(Goal-scorers: Fracer, E. Strange, Parr and Karolitch).

Rugby

Interport Match.—Hongkong 8, Shanghai 6.

Exhibition Match.—Hongkong 12, U.S. Marines 3.

Handball Title at Stake Tonight

Tchakalian Favoured to Defeat Ho in Final at Foreign Y.M.C.A.

This evening at 6 p.m. at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Ho will met F. Tchakalian for the local handball title. The foreigner has already beaten Ho once in competitive play during this series and since it is being conducted on a double-elimination basis it will be necessary for Ho to defeat Tchakalian twice in order to secure the title, the latter player having been victorious each time he has played so far.

Tchakalian is a master of strategy and court craft and though he will undoubtedly receive stern opposition, he should win without a great deal of difficulty. Ho does not relish matches that are played at a fast pace and it has been observed that he always endeavours to slow down the pace. If he is successful in doing this against Tchakalian, his rival's superior tactics will be nullified and closer game than otherwise anticipated should be witnessed.

Dwyer Wins Tourney At Seekingjao

Teeing Off Times This Week-end Announced

The results of Chinese New Year Holiday points Bogey golf competitions at Seekingjao were as follows.

	Score	H'cap	Pts.
"A" Class			
1st R. T. Dwyer	34	2¼	36¼
2nd A. Pratt	27	6	33
3rd J. A. Grubb	29	2¼	31¼
"B" Class			
1st A. M. Dixon	16	16½	32½
2nd S. C. Brisk	15	15¾	30¾
3rd P. Isherwood	18	11¼	29¼

"A" Class Result of Draw for Balls.—1st, L. D. Carson 2 Balls Card No. 16.

"B" Class Result of Draw for Balls.—1st, W. W. Jourdin 3 Balls Card No. 19; 2nd, W. J. Brown 2 Balls Card No. 10.

Teeing Off Times

Saturday

12.52 Schinazl, Partner/Vajda, Partner
1.04 Neumann, Widdup/Brisk, Ross
1.12 Drysdale, Kench/Vice President
1.24 Jacobs, Elliott/Grubb, Cumming
1.32 McDonald, Isherwood
1.36 Graham, Brooks
1.44 Captain/Lurton, Jourdin (4 Ball)
1.52 Wienberg, Andersen
1.56 Openshaw, MacGregor
2.04 President/Appelboom, McCants
2.12 Ewing, Paterson
2.16 Drysdale, Malcolm
2.24 Gavin, Barry (4 Ball)
2.28 Marken, Berry (4 Ball)
2.32 Piper, Smith
2.36 Huggett, Mrs. Wentworth
2.44 Black, Fox

Sunday

8.44 Vajda, Partner/Kench, Denton
8.52 Appelboom, James
8.56 Jourdin, Brooks
9.04 Marks, Wenman/Pratt, Tibble
9.12 Piper, Beveridge
9.16 Neumann, Ashworth
9.24 Wienberg, Barry/Brisk, Ross
9.32 Riggs, Miners/Broomhall, Slack
9.44 Vice President
9.48 Captain, Brister
9.52 Parry, Chalmers/President
10.04 Dixon, Crwther
10.08 Rigden, Blackwood
10.12 Malcolm, Drysdale
10.16 Munro, Cantopher
10.24 Isherwood, Wentworth
10.28 Martin, Miss Ross
10.32 Openshaw, Warburton
10.36 Mrs. Wentworth, Miss McConnell
10.44 Mrs. Fulstow, Miss Barnett
10.48 Rigg, Partner

They Smashed a World Record

These young ladies, in somewhat novel versions of winter sports styles, are the skating champions of the Meiji Shrine Club's meeting. In fact, they smashed a world record.

Race Club Trounce Country Club by Four Matches

Rowing Club Have Slight Advantage Over Light Horse in Squash Rackets Tournament

THE Race Club "B" team confirmed good reports by winning their match against the Country Club "B" in the junior squash rackets knockout tournament held yesterday, their team winning four matches to nil and while the first strings of the two teams have yet to play the result is already assured. At the Rowing Club the result is still in the balance with the Rowing Club having secured a 2-1 lead, and with two matches to play the Light Horse may yet defeat them. The two postponed matches, that between A. C. Sinclair of the Rowing Club and H. Maitland of the Light Horse, and the other between R. Dickinson of the Rowing Club and T. Wilson of the Light Horse being held over till Monday due to injuries to players.

The Country Club was at home to the Race Club but failed to do particularly well, their guests being very much in the limelight. However all the Race Club players are tried men and the Country Club have another opportunity to make amends when they play the losers of the first round and may come around to the final by longer route.

At the Rowing Club the matches were much more closely fought, and two out of the three went to five games. T. O. Schmid of the Rowing Club defeated J.G.W. Lewis in three straight games, thereby gaining revenge for the loss he sustained in their last meeting in the league. One of the hardest fought games of the day was seen when E. P. Morphew of the Rowing Club defeated J. Moore of the Light Horse by 3-9, 6-9, 9-3, 9-6, 10-9. This match was particularly interesting in that the visiting player went well ahead and looked to be in a position to win in three straight games. The reversal of play occurred and Morphew went to his points in the next two games with comparative ease. The fifth and deciding game provided even more exciting in that Morphew led by 8-1 and looked like running out an easy winner when Moore came up to 8-8 and in the play off Morphew went on to win.

White Beats Frewen

The other match at the Rowing Club saw Alec White defeating R.S. L. Frewen in five games, the two players giving a good account of themselves. Points were evenly divided until the last game wherein White was able to go on with better stamina and hereby win the game and the match. The two postponed matches still have a bearing on the final result in this round.

The first division result between E. B. Cumine and R. L. Berglof which took place on Wednesday at the Race Club, resulted in a win for the Race Club player over the Foreign Y.M.C.A. representative and the Race Club by virtue of a victory by 3-1 matches go on to the winning bracket to meet the Rowing Club "A" next Tuesday, while the Foreign Y.M.C.A. will play the Country Club also on Tuesday.

Yesterday's detailed results were:

Race Club "B" 4, Country Club "B" 0

A. V. Striker defeated J. N. Bates, 9-0, 9-2, 9-6.

G. Talbot defeated H. E. Orr, 9-4, 5-9, 9-6, 10-8.

J. S. Flood defeated L. Brace, 9-1, 9-1, 9-6.

G. J. Mary defeated J. W. Brace, 9-6, 9-5, 9-2.

J. R. Jacob *v.* L. Handley Derry (postponed).

Rowing Club "B" 2, Light Horse 1

R. S. L. Frewen lost to A. A. White, 4-9, 9-4, 7-9, 9-5, 3-9.

T. O. Schmid defeated J. G. W. Lewis, 9-3, 9-2, 9-2.

E. P. Morphew defeated J. Moore, 3-9, 6-9, 9-3, 9-6, 10-9.

A. C. Sinclair *v.* H. Maitland (postponed).

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Most Goals in Matches To Decide Issue

London, Feb. 15.

The Scottish Football League has decided to conduct a cup competition among the 31 clubs at present constituting the Regional Leagues.

The competition will begin on February 24 and will end on May 4. Matches will be played on the home and away basis. The winner in each tie will be the team scoring the most goals in the two matches.

Cowdenbeath has closed down for the duration of the war and has withdrawn from the Eastern Division of the Scottish Regional League.

In a match in the South B section of the Regional League yesterday, Fulham beat Brentford by five goals to two, playing away.—Reuter.

Canidrome Results

1—300 yd. flat.—1, L'Ousra No; 2, Wallfish.
½ length.—Time, 18.79.
Win, $17.80. Forecast 6-3 Div. $63.60.
Place, 1st $13.50; 2nd $12.30.

2—440 yd. flat.—1, Outlaw; 2, Bell Boy.
1½ length.—Time, 27.44.
Win, $17.90. Forecast 3-1 Div. $226.10.
Place, 1st $18.20; 2nd $20.80.
Double Event 1/2 6-3 Div. $47.10.

3—440 yd. flat.—1, Ruddy Scamp; 2, Sapphire.
1 length.—Time, 27.02.
Win, $31.70. Forecast 3-5 Div. $60.
Place 1st $13.20; 2nd $10.60.
Double Event 2/3 3-3 Div. $54.40.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, Swallow; 2, Happy Glen.
Short head.—Time, 32.13.
Win, $40.40. Forecast 4-1 Div. $239.90.
Place, 1st $16.20; 2nd $9.50.
Double Event 3/4 3-4 Div. $86.30.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Countess Verde; 2, Winsome Maid.
1 length.—Time, 31.09.
Win, $22.70. Forecast 6-5 Div. $48.80.
Place, 1st $12.20; 2nd $7.
Double Event 4/5 4-6 Div. $83.70.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Berniedale; 2, Mascot Major.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.56.
Win, $34.70. Forecast 3-6 Div. $108.10.
Place, 1st $13.70; 2nd $11.50.
Double Event 5/6 6-3 Div. $52.90.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Irish Lover; 2, Great Wall.
5 lengths.—Time, 30.64.
Win, $11.70. Forecast 6-2 Div. $90.90.
Place, 1st $9.10; 2nd $14.30.
Double Event 6/7 3-6 Div. $31.50.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, D'Artagnan; 2, Young Talgai.
3½ length.—Time, 30.67.
Win, $13.20. Forecast 1-5 Div. $103.90.
Place, 1st $8.20; 2nd $20.40.
Double Event 7/8 6-1 Div. $13.60.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Simple Jackie; 2, Cute Viscount.
2 lengths.—Time, 30.51.
Win, $27.70. Forecast 3-2 Div. $66.90.
Place, 1st $7.80; 2nd $7.50.
Double Event 8/9 1-3 Div. $30.20.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, King Chu Bar; 2, Grand Slam.
1 length.—Time, 30.35.
Win, $14. Forecast 1-4 Div. $54.
Place, 1st $8.20; 2nd $10.60.
Double Event 9/10 3-1 Div. $27.80.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Black Shadow; 2, Tinker.
1½ length.—Time, 30.20.
Win, $34.40. Forecast 4-6 Div. $123.40.
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Double Event 10/11 1-4 Div. $87.10.

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Brigade Answers 1,113 Fire And Special Calls in 1939

Chief's Report Shows Growing Risk in Western Area Owing to Lack of Building Control

CAPTAIN H. G. Reed, Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, has submitted his annual report to the Municipal Council. As usual, it is divided into five parts.

Parts I, II and III, (covering fires and special emergency calls, ambulance service, and personnel, stations, workshops and hydrants) is summarized in the appended article. Parts IV and V (Inspections and Fire Prevention, and Miscellaneous) will be summarized in the second article which will appear in our next issue.

Number of Calls.—The Brigade responded to 1,113 fires and special emergency calls during the year, an increase of 57 calls on 1938, Part I points out. This establishes a record for the Brigade, the highest number previously recorded being 1,056 (1938).

Fire Loss.—At fires which the Brigade attended within the Settlement and the Special Rated Area the total loss was estimated at $5,027,298—an increase of $3,021,175 on 1938.

The low value of the Chinese dollar throughout the year was largely responsible for this increase, for in practically every case of heavy loss the contents of premises involved comprised commodities which had been imported from abroad or were otherwise affected by the relation of the Chinese dollar to sterling or gold currency.

It is significant that three fires (two godowns and one pharmacy) caused damage estimated at $3,200,000, or approximately 64 per cent. of the total loss for the year.

Lives Lost and Injuries.—68 civilians lost their lives at fires and 15 at special emergency calls during the year, a total of 93; 174 were injured at fires and 135 at special emergency calls, a total of 309. 89 members of the Brigade Staff were injured at fires and 3 at special emergency calls, a total of 92.

Outside Calls

Outside Calls.—Apart from calls to the Special Rated Area (that is, to property on, or in close proximity to, extra-Settlement Municipal Roads, the Brigade responded to 33 calls (31 fires and two special emergency calls) outside the Settlement, rendering assistance at 12 fires and two special emergency calls.

Extra-Settlement (West of Western) Areas.—The most notable feature of the year's working was the development of a conflagration hazard in the extra-Settlement areas beyond the western boundary, where the Brigade lacks control over building construction.

Industrial premises, squatters' huts and other buildings, constructed of matting, bamboo, light timber and similar combustible materials, were erected indiscriminately on every vacant plot of land, with no suitable fire-stops or other protective measures and without providing adequate means of ingress and egress by proper planning. Consequently the areas in question became enormous congested blocks of highly inflammable property and a very serious fire hazard was created.

Special precautions were taken to cope with the changes taking place, emergency measures being put into effect to ensure that the Brigade would be in a position to deal promptly and effectively with any outbreak that might occur. Certain apparatus was transferred to the Western District Stations and the number of machines responding to fires in the class of property referred to was augmented by auxiliary appliances; the whole area was surveyed and sketch maps prepared for the purpose of instructing the staff as to means of approach and available water supplies and to enable them to become familiar with the extraordinary conditions prevailing. It was realized that water supply would prove one of the most vital factors and, although the supply in this area had proven adequate for normal conditions, the new development made it necessary for arrangements to be made with the Shanghai Waterworks Company for the installation of additional hydrants and the augmentation of pressure and supply immediately a large fire was reported.

Fires Spread Rapidly

There were more than 60 fires in these areas in the class of property referred to during the year. In the more serious of these, or which there were eight, the fire spread with such rapidity on account of the incredible congestion and the inflammability of the structures that it had involved a huge area before the detachment could get to work, and in every instance large blocks of similarly built and equally combustible structures, as well as good class properties in many cases, were threatened. Means of approach were lacking, with the result that long lines of hose had to be laid, and usually the few lanes and paths that did give access to the burning and threatened properties were found to be obstructed by bamboo fences, barbed-wire entanglements or other barriers, which proved a further handicap. These factors and the generally unsatisfactory conditions made the task of confining the outbreaks a most difficult one, and on several occasions the physical endurance of the staff and the resources of the Brigade as regards equipment were severely taxed. It is considered fortunate, as least in the case of the most serious outbreaks, that we were able to bring them under control and prevent them from developing into conflagrations that would have resulted in the destruction of much better class property, important buildings, institutions, etc., with possibly the loss of many lives.

Celluloid Fires

The increase in the number of fires in establishments manufacturing celluloid articles, such as handbags, combs, lamp shades, spectacle frames, toys, etc., caused considerable apprehension.

Almost without exception this hazardous trade is conducted in Chinese dwelling houses or other equally unsuitable premises, with total disregard of the seriousness of the fire hazard and without consideration for the safety of the works engaged in the industry or of those living in the vicinity. The sole means of egress for the occupants of the premises is usually threatened, as most buildings of the Chinese dwelling-house type have only one staircase and the rapidity with which a fire spreads when celluloid or the highly inflammable materails used in the trade, such as solvents, become ignited almost invariably results in the staircase becoming quickly involved, rendering escape impossible.

The enterprises are usually small and consequently difficulty is experienced in detecting them. In many cases they are discovered as a result of complaints by neighbours and steps are immediately taken to effect their removal to more suitable premises or to compel the owners either to cease operations or carry out improvements to reduce the fire hazard and provide the workers and other inmates with some protection and means of escape in the event of fire. In this connection valuable assistance has been rendered by the Industrial Section.

With the co-operation of importers, greater facilities are being afforded the Brigade to enable a check to be kept on the distribution of celluloid with a view to locating small establishments and thus controlling operations and storages.

During the year there were no less than twenty fires in celluloid factories, and these resulted in the death of twenty-three persons and injury to forty others.

Apart from fires, the Brigade was called upon to deal with 120 Special Emergency Calls. While the majority of these related to the collapse of buildings, gas leaks, explosions and the removal of dangerous masonry, signboards, etc., they included such unusual jobs as the removal of an insane person from the top of an electric light standard, the watering of buffaloes suffering from extreme heat, etc.

Part II.—Ambulance Service

The total calls received during the year by the Emergency and Hospital Removal Branches of the Ambulance Service were 9,491 and 5,586 respectively, a total of 15,077 calls.

For the emergency branch, the average number of calls per day has risen from 2.38 in 1931, 4.25 in 1932, 7.18 in 1933, 11.19 in 1934, 14.10 in 1935, 16.27 in 1936, 18.87 in 1937, and 24.32 in 1938 to 26.00 in 1939. Of the patients, over 95 per cent. were Chinese.

In view of difficulty frequently experienced in finding hospital accommodation for accident and emergency sickness cases carried by the emergency ambulances, usually causing serious delay in securing medical treatment for the patients, arrangements were made for a number of beds to be reserved at the Shanghai International Red Cross Hospital, 476 Avenue Haig, to take any such cases. This arrangement, worked in conjunction with a "zoning" scheme whereby patients from particular areas were conveyed to specified hospitals, proved very satisfactory and resulted in considerable improvement in the Service.

Hospital Branch.—In comparison with 1938, the total number of calls handled by this Branch shows a decrease of 1,157. Ordinary Hospital Removals, however, amounted to an increase of 496 calls, the decrease being in Infectious Cases which were 1,653 less than 1938.

Part III.—Personnel, etc.

Long Service Medals—Professional Staff.—At a parade held on October 5, the Chairman of the Council presented Long Service Medals to 36 members of the Chinese Staff for periods of service ranging from 20 to 30 years.

Volunteer Reserve.—In May the Council gave its approval to the issue of a Long Service Medal to the members of the Volunteer Reserve for 12 years' efficient and active service, and on September 28, the Medal was presented to the undermentioned members by the Chairman of the Council:—Messrs. G. L. Aitchison, J. J. Evans, A. F. T. Holland, and T. L. Rawsthorne.

Mr. R. Baldwin also qualified for the medal, but was absent from Shanghai on leave when the medals were presented.

Stations

Woosung Road Sub-Station.—On account of the leasing of the site of this Station it was demolished and re-built on a new site on Woosung Road to the north of the Mental Hospital.

Wayside and Point Sub-Stations.—In view of the conditions prevailing in the Eastern district, the rebuilding of Wayside Sub-Station, which was gutted by fire during the 1937 hostilities, was further deferred and the site of the Point Sub-Station, a temporary building erected in 1933, was sold on the understanding that a suitable site would be reserved for a new sub-station when conditions in that district re-adjusted themselves sufficiently to justify its erection.

Workshops.—A high standard of efficiency was maintained on all machines, cars, ambulances and equipment throughout the year, and the Workshops were responsible for a considerable saving in the cost of the Department through the construction and fitting of machine bodies and the making of the greater part of the Brigade's equipment and appliances.

Hydrants.—All street hydrants were regularly inspected and tested. These inspections and tests totalled 22,632, and all defects reported were promptly repaired by the Shanghai Waterworks Company.

The supply of water for fire-fighting purpose in the Central district was given special consideration and, as a result, it was greatly improved by the installation of hydrants of modern design, with large water connections, to replace 44 obsolete hydrants. The greatest care was exercised in the selection of the positions for these hydrants in order to give the best protection possible to the areas covered by them.

Additional hydrants were installed on certain roads in the Western district as new mains were laid, and the water supply in the North of Northern (extra-Settlement) area was considerably improved by the replacement of obsolete single-outlet hydrants by others of modern design with large suction outlets.

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Farewell to Major Graham

Major W. M. Graham, Adviser to the Russian Regiment, held his farewell inspection of the unit at the Drill Hall on Wednesday night when he bade an official goodbye. Major Graham is here seen inspecting the men, who afterwards entertained him.

China Has 75 Known Kinds of Fleas—Many More Unknown

Mr. A. de C. Sowerby's Interesting Lecture on "Some Remarkable Animals in China"

NO fewer than 75 distinct species of fleas occur in China and probably there are a great many more awaiting discovery. A fresh water jelly fish was discovered some years ago in the upper reaches of the Yangtze. Also in the Yangtze there lives a fish, which reaches an enormous size—the Yangtze sword-beaked sturgeon which attains a length of over eighteen feet and weighs several hundred pounds. No fewer than 1,487 species and subspecies of birds are known to occur in China. These were a few of the many interesting facts about "Some Remarkable Chinese Animals" which Mr. Arthur de Carle Sowerby lectured on yesterday evening at a joint meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society and the International Institute of China.

In his Presidential address, before delivering his lecture, Mr. Sowerby expressed satisfaction that the Royal Asiatic Society was able to face the future with equanimity. As a result of the efforts put forth during the past year, he said, the Society's financial position had been so improved that the members need no longer entertain any anxiety as to its future.

This was not only due to the generous response with which the members of the Society and the general public had met the Society's appeal for funds, but also to a great extent to the support which the Society was receiving from the International Institute of China. This was the first meeting under the joint auspices of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

Maggot or Flea?

In his lecture Mr. Sowerby stated that ever since contact was established with China by European traders in the sixteenth century, the country had been looked upon by naturalists from the west as one from which always some new zoological curiosity might be expected.

This was brought home rather forcibly some years ago, Mr. Sowerby continued, when he took a collection of insects made on the Clark Expedition in Shensi and Kansu to the Natural History Museum in London to be identified. One of the curators was looking through the collection, the lecturer related, when he suddenly pounced on a small phial containing what was believed to contain maggots of some sort.

"Why these are some kind of jigger fleas!" the lecturer exclaimed. Mr. Sowerby replied they could not be as they had been taken out of the nostrils of a roe deer. Thereupon the curator handed the lecturer the phial and the magnifying glass and told him to look for himself.

Something Curious

Sure enough, Mr. Sowerby told his listeners, at one end of the fat maggot like body of each of the strange insects were the head and legs of a flea. "I well remember that my companion remarked. 'We always expect something curious from China.'"

The specimens in question were sent to the world's greatest authority on fleas, the Hon. N. Charles Rothschild, and in due course he produced a paper on three new species of fleas collected on the Clark Expedition. The insects which Mr. Sowerby had believed to be maggots were in fact the gravid females of a very small black flea, male specimens of which had been found in the pelt of the deer.

These females had enormously distended whitish abdomens, which was what made them look so like maggots. Although he had examined many more roedeer and other animals for fleas since that time, Mr. Sowerby added that he had never found another specimen of this strange jigger-like flea, nor, as far as he knew, had anyone else since.

Water Dwellers

In this connection he pointed out that almost every species of mammal had its own peculiar species of fleas, although certain of the commoner species of fleas were to be found on more than one species of mammal, such as the common dog flea, which was found on the domestic dog, the domestic cat and on man himself. The importance of fleas could not be overestimated, he said, because these insects had been proved to be the carriers of deadly diseases such as the bubonic plague.

In his lengthy and extremely interesting lecture, Mr. Sowerby referred to another zoological surprise from China—a fresh water jelly fish which was discovered in the upper reaches of the Yangtze. The discovery, he said, was made by the Japanese captain of a river steamer, who took preserved specimens of the little creature to Tokyo. These fresh water jelly fish, he explained, were very few in number and were widely separated in isolated localities throughout the world.

After dealing with various kinds of fishes found in China, Mr. Sowerby referred to the huge sword beaked sturgeon which, he said, was shaped like a common sturgeon. Nothing was known, however, about the habits of this fish or where and how it bred.

Shantung Junk Traffic Limited

Tsingtao, Feb. 15.

The supreme commander of Japanese naval forces in North China today announced that junk and other shipping traffic between ports in that part of the Shantung peninsula from Weihaiwei to Tsingtao would be prohibited until further notice, effective today. Ports of Tsingtao and Weihaiwei are excluded from the ban.—Domei.

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"Lilliom" Performances Promise to Be Outstanding Dramatic, Financial Hits

Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, H. M. Ambassador to China; M. Henry Cosme, French Ambassador to China; M. S. de Rosset, Polish Chargé d'Affaires; and M. Harald Tanner, Finnish Chargé d'Affaires, have kindly consented to act as patrons for the performances of "Lilliom" at the Lyceum Theatre on March 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, in aid of the Friends of Finland Fund.

It may therefore be said that the worthy cause is being supported by the strongest patronage in the history of Shanghai dramatic welfare work, and that each and everyone of the five performances will become dramatic and social successes of the highest order.

Ferenc Molnar's "Lilliom," is one of the finest plays written by the Hungarian author and distinguishes itself in that it was received with tremendous ovations in the United States, where it was first produced in 1921, and in Great Britain, although it was more or less a failure in Hungary, where, nevertheless, it was produced regularly. The story is told of an American producer who attended one of the Budapest performances of the play in the company of Molnar. After the performance was over, Molnar cynically told his guest: "This is the hundreth time that 'Lilliom' fails in Budapest."

As is the case with earlier plays written by the noted author, "Lilliom" had its inception in impressionistic sketches and isolated scenes which were written with no thought of ever laborating them into full-length dramatic work.

But to speak once again of the forthcoming production of the play in Shanghai: Most modern sets and lighting effects will be used in keeping with the way in which "Lilliom" has been produced elsewhere. Mr. Francis G. Gmehling, in the title-role, is ably assisted by a galaxy of talented stars, most of whom need no introduction to Shanghai theatre-goers. Among them are: Mrs. Jocelyn Ricketts, Mrs. Phil Tweedlie, Mrs. Pat Merritt, Miss Dallas Lee Franklin, Mrs. May Pecaric, Mr. Donald MacAlister, Mr. H. Visser, Mr. F. N. Mollitz, Mr. Ian Sinclair, Mr. Douglas Mortlock, Mr. Sidney Tremlett, Mr. Charles Cumming, Mr. Bill Hunt, Mr. R. Spivey and Mr. C. J. Merritt. Mr. Gmehling, will be assisted by Miss Henny Herzer in the production of the play.

Meanwhile, the committee consisting of Mrs. Cappy Holt, and the Messrs. C. A. Momber, John McNeil, R. T. Peyton-Griffin, R. J. E. Price and Mr. E. S. Wilkinson are engaged in making the necessary preparations so that the financial success of the affair is assured.

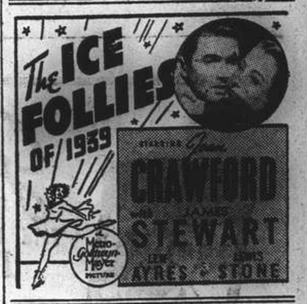
Booking at Moutrie's will open on Monday and the public is again requested not to send money or applications for reservations to members of the committee.

As was the case during the "Music Hall 1900-1939" production last year, all programmes will be numbered and will have an equal chance to win one of three handsome prizes, details of which will be announced in due course.

Allies Supported by Jews All Over World

London, Feb. 15.

The steady improvement in the internal situation in Palestine had been fully maintained, declared Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for Colonies, in answer to a question in the House of Commons last night. Mr. MacDonald said he was fully aware of the whole-hearted support being given by Jews throughout the world to the Allied cause, one purpose of which was the freeing of Jews from their cruel persecutions in Central Europe.—Reuter.



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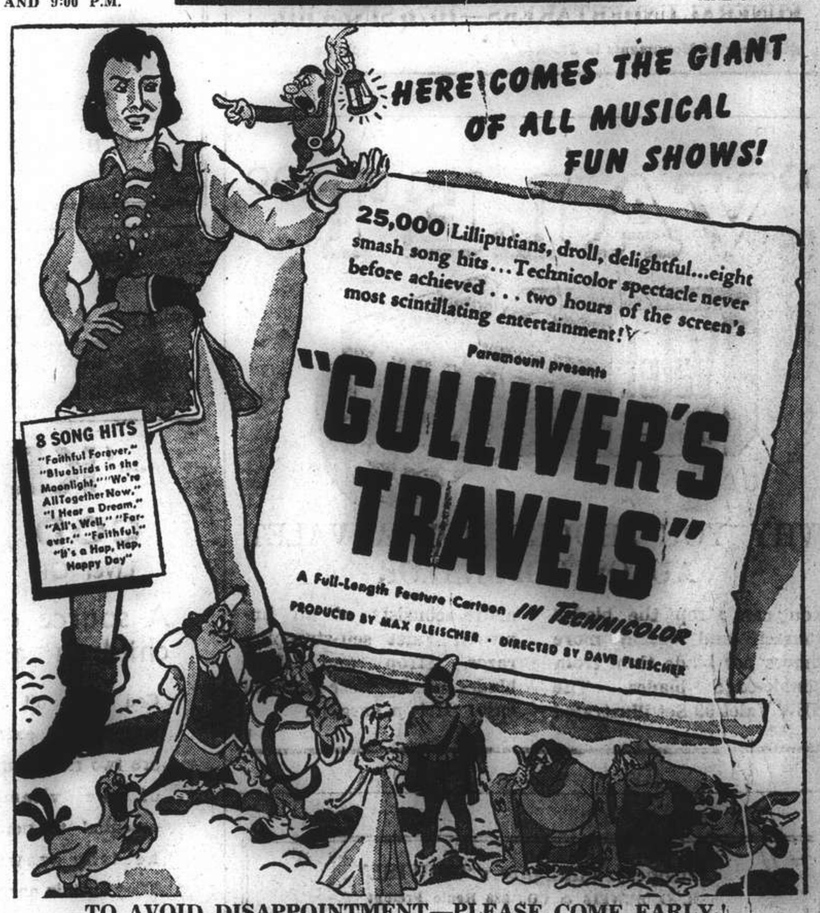

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DEATH

HARRIS.—Suddenly, on Wednesday, February 14, 1940, at his home on Bubbling Well Road, JAMES FRASER GORDON HARRIS, aged 51 years, of the Shanghai Power Company. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held today, Friday, February 16, 1940, at the Hungjao Road Cemetery, at 4 p.m. All friends are invited to attend. 10943

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RUN AND SCUTTLE

If the reports concerning the alleged departure of German vessels from various European and South American ports are correct, an attempt on a large scale to run the Allied blockade is being made. According to the information available five ships have left Vigo in Spain in an attempt to reach German ports. They are the Wangoni, 7,843 tons, the Wahehe, 4,709 tons, the Orizaba, 4,354 tons, the Rostok, 2,542 tons, and the Morea, 1,927 tons. From Brazilian ports the Wakama, 9,800 tons, the Wolfsburg, 6,201 tons, Le Coruna, 7,414 tons and the Koenigsberg, 6,466 tons are also reported to have left the ports in which they were seeking refuge, also in an attempt to get through the Allied blockade. The total tonnage on the high seas, therefore, belonging to Germany is in the neighbourhood of 57,000, and if the value of the cargo alleged to be on board the Wakama is to be taken as a criterion,—and that is reported to be worth £250,000,—the sum total of goods said to be speeding towards Germany should be somewhere in the neighbourhood of £1,300,000. The figure is only approximate and is based upon the ratio of the tonnages of the various vessels. Nevertheless it is clear that an important attempt is being made to break through the Allied blockade and get into Germany those materials of which she may not yet be in urgent need, but which it is expected she will be as the economic pressure which the Allies are now exerting becomes more potent with the passage of time. It is impossible to form an idea of the value of the vessels engaged in this interesting attempt, but it must assuredly be a very substantial sum, giving rise to speculation as to why the Reich should run the risks which such an attempt as this must necessarily entail. The policy which the Germans have followed up to the present is that when any of their vessels are intercepted by Allied war craft in their attempt to reach German ports, they shall be immediately scuttled, and, while it may very well be that some of the ships will succeed in passing through the Allied cordon, the destruction of a comparatively small proportion of their number will in itself prove a serious blow to the German mercantile marine which, as the months pass, is becoming increasingly weaker.

Apart from the urgent desire for as much raw material, etc., as possible, Germany is faced with the fact that the payment of various dues in the ports where these ships have sought refuge, the maintenance of the vessels themselves and their crews represents a very considerable drain on the resources in exchange which Germany is known to have abroad. Most of the foreign currency of which Germany is possessed abroad is needed for the purpose of the extensive propaganda campaign which is being conducted, and as German resources in this respect are known not to be very great, so long as propaganda is considered more important in winning the war than the preservation of the German mercantile marine, the policy of endeavouring to run the blockade and of scuttling when in danger of capture undoubtedly commends itself to the Reich. As with the inglorious scuttling of the Admiral Graf Spee this policy has been regarded in some quarters as an indication that Germany, realizing that it cannot win the war, desires to leave as few prizes as possible for the reward of the victors. It is a good argument as far as it goes, but the other side of the shield has also to be taken into consideration. The policy of scuttle in the last war was one of final desperation. It need not be in this instance. The Reich could with every appearance of logic decide that it has very good chances of victory, and rather than let these ships fall into the hands of the Allies for their temporary benefit, it would be better to destroy them if necessary, always hoping to reimburse itself, if victorious, from the mercantile fleets of the Allies. By such a means the Nazi leaders might hope as one of the fruits of victory to make their country the largest ocean carrying nation in the world, and that especially in view of the studied destruction of the shipping of neutral powers for which there cannot be the slightest justification.

It is a gambler's policy it must be admitted, but there is more to it than that. German leaders have not hesitated to assure the world that victory will be theirs, but that if it is not, in their defeat they will take the rest of Europe to destruction with them. Viewed in that light the attempt to get these ten German vessels home secures its proper perspective. Each one of these ships which reaches a German port represents in the circumstances clear profit. For those which do not prove successful and are scuttled it is hoped to obtain recompense when peace terms come to be considered, and if that is not possible it is hoped that with the destruction of all, and any shipping, which the German navy or air arm may be able to reach, the Allies may be deprived of some of the fruits of their victory. Whatever may be the opinion of the world as to the legality of the methods which Germany pursues, there can be no gainsaying the fact that the game of beggar-my-neighbour is in wartime strategically sound, but it throws a striking light upon the mentality of the Nazi leaders and their complete irresponsibility. They appear to be following this line of reasoning: "We hope to win, but if we don't we are determined that our enemy's victory shall be a fruitless one, even though it deprives us of the chance of ample spoils in the event of our own success." The policy of run and scuttle, combined with the ruthless warfare on Allied and neutral shipping is, therefore, indicative of no real faith regarding the possibilities of a German victory, and is, at the same time, an insurance against the Allies being able to secure compensation from a non-existent German mercantile fleet. Germany needs, and will need all the supplies she can possibly get, will run any risk in an endeavour to secure them, and if the price it has to pay is exorbitant, it will nevertheless have to be paid. No better evidence could possibly be available to prove how completely the Allied blockade is obtaining a stranglehold upon German economic life. The price to secure even the slightest relaxation is apparently not too big, even if it involves the loss of a large portion of the balance of the German mercantile marine, and the Reich will apparently be satisfied if only a small proportion of these ten vessels succeed in running the Allied blockade, and the rest find a haven at the bottom of the sea.

China's Foreign Trade

One of the amazing paradoxes of China apparently unrelated to any known economic principal is revealed in the annual statistical report of the Chinese Maritimes Customs which shows that the total revenue collection last year, in terms of national currency, was $331,000,000, an increase of $76,000,000, or approximately 30 per cent. on the previous year. This represented Customs revenue on total foreign trade, expressed in Chinese national dollars, of $2,361,000,000 compared with $1,649,000,000 in 1938 and $1,647,000,000 in 1936, the year before the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. Customs receipts not only exceeded the total during 1936, a war-free year, but came within measurable distance of the record figure of $342,000,000 collected in 1937. Of course, regarded in terms of figures, these may appear to be financial records but it must be born in mind that a definite rate of exchange was fixed for purposes of computation, and although imports showed a great increase, the standard value of imports for the year was not augmented the rising value in the open market of foreign exchanges in terms of dollars. Nevertheless, the results cannot be regarded without satisfaction for they indicate the remarkable recuperative faculties of Chinese trade in spite of two-and-a-half years of war, tremendous property destruction and trade dislocation, and also the fact that the war continues and shows no immediate signs of cessation. Shanghai, in spite of overwhelming political and economic difficulties, continues to maintain its position as China's pre-eminent port and trading centre, and contributed more than a half of the Customs revenue. This a fact of which this city may well be proud for it indicates a power of strength and vigour, based on nearly a century's development, which transcends the destructive tendencies of wars and political troubles. Few cities in the world, peculiarly established and self-contained like Shanghai, can boast of such a record.

Another German Threat

It is to be hoped that the British Government will seek means for allaying the indignation which is felt in the United States over the detention of American vessels in connection with the blockade. The German announcement was that American ships would, at least theoritically, be subject to torpedoing by German submarines if they had been forced into belligerent waters, and if they contained contraband. The latter proviso means nothing whatever, and the statement is a plain announcement of the fact that theoretically Germany claims the right to destroy American shipping if found in the belligerent zones. The Germans have destroyed other neutral shipping of smaller nations with that display of courage inspired by the knowledge that the people they thus offend are in no position to strike back. The United States are otherwise placed, and at any rate for the moment the Reich may be expected to hold its hand. On the face of it there appear difficulties in Great Britain meeting American requirements in this manner, for obviously it is within its belligerent rights to ascertain that the Allied blockade should be made as effective as possible, and to ensure that no contraband is being carried to destinations from which it may be sent on to Germany. It may be that with a further development of the navicert system the holding up of neutral shipping for examination for contraband may be still further obviated, and it is hoped that something along this line will be attempted. On the other hand diversion into non-belligerent areas does not seem possible on the score of expense and delay. Nevertheless when it comes to the question of assessment of responsibility, it has to be remembered that the present state of affairs has in the main been brought about solely by the illegal actions of the German Government.

A COUNTRY DIARY

Weihaiwei, Jan. 31.—Before saying Farewell to Weihaiwei in all its snow-bound beauty I feel it would be unfair not to record one of our typical hare-hunts....a bloodless sport in which a good time is had by all, including the hare. If the hunt takes place in the Hotel grounds the hare generally rushes towards me (for protection?)....swerves past me like a fast three-quarter and dashes across the road.. ..which is against the rules, being dangerous both to hare and hounds: so the most spectacular hunts take place in and around my garden where the country is more suitable. The pack consists of Betty the black Cocker, Sukey the brindle Cairn, and Shamus the Aberdonian who will not even permit sea-water to be wasted. The hare gets up from among the bare grapevines....it is the largest hare I know, and in grand condition: away she goes over the snow at terrific speed followed by three shortlegged little dogs yapping their heads off....and looking more like a pack of black fleas against the white snow as they leap over ravines which the hare crosses in her efforts to throw them off: I stand at the top of my garden making appropriate dog-noises such as "Loo-loo-loo-loo" and watching the hunt go round as the hare circles and takes higher ground: she is soon a hundred yards ahead of her pursuers, cantering along the crest of a hill with the sun behind her, showing me a perfect profile as if she were a cardboard figure in a shadow-show: she is a little out of breath with the steep rise so, without even troubling to look round at the dogs, she sits down with her back to them *(and her ears up)* quietly awaiting their approach: the dogs make the breast of the hill and sighting their quarry, go galloping along in Indian file looking more than ever like the little black figures of the shadow-show: the hare leaps up, makes a break for the group of grave-mounds she has always had her eyes on, and disappears to be seen no more. The "hounds" are called off and taken home, panting but happy. Next day that hare is back in my garden waiting for the next hunt....for I am sure she enjoys it as much as the dogs do.

IN PARENTHESIS

Happiest

THE happiest man he ever saw was the laziest. He was also the smartest.

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A Wink

"GOODBYE, darling—and if those pretty French mademoiselles start smiling at you, just shut your eyes."

"Well, I'll shut one of them."

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Golf

FARMER (to friend): "I hear that while ye were in the city ye took up this here golf. How d'ye like it?"

Friend: "Well, it ain't bad. It's a bit harder than hoein' turnips an' a bit easier than diggin' potatoes."

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Bit Late

SEEING a great friend of his cycling slowly and painfully along the road, the pedestrian hailed him. The cyclist came to a wobbly stop and they trudged along the road together.

"Yes," puffed the cyclist, "I've been cycling to my job for three weeks now!"

"Gosh!" was the answer. "I wonder what your boss will say when you get there!"

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First Prize

IN the regimental band the trombone player, a new member, always finished first.

"Look here," shouted the conductor, "you've been playing two bars in front of everybody else all the way through."

"Well, I'm sorry," the man exclaimed. "You see, I used to play in a street band, and the one who finished first went round with the hat."

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Ham-Bush

Two town boys, evacuated to the country, one day saw a pig.

First boy: "Look, 'Erb, that's where we get our 'am from."

Second boy: "Don't be daft, you ought to know 'am grows."

First boy: "Who told you 'am grows?"

Second boy: "Nobody, but it said in the paper that some soldiers ran into an ambush."

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Sure Thing

YOU'VE got a touch of pneumonia," said the M.O., after examining the recruit.

"Are you sure, sir?" said the recruit. "I have known of people in civil life being treated for pneumonia and dying of something else."

"You are not in civil life now; you are in the army," thundered the M.O., "and if you get treated in the army for pneumonia you *die* of pneumonia."

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One Up

OUT of breath, the soldier jumped into the train just as it was going out.

The old man in the corner watched it all very critically, and at last he said: "When I was your age I could run along this platform and jump into a train without turning a hair."

"Could you!" said the soldier disparagingly. "Then let me tell you I missed this train at the last station."

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On Guard

SCENE: A contented camp, with snores from the sergeant's tent.

"Halt! Who goes there?" called the sentry.

In an authoritative manner the C.O. explained who he was.

Sentry: "Must have the password, sir."

C.O.: "Don't you understand—?"

Snores inside the tent cease, and an angry voice: "Don't stand there arguing—shoot the blighter."

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Cavalier Treatment

(IT cost £320 to protect the King Charles I. statue in Whitehall from air-raid damage. Anderson domestic shelters cost between £6 and £10).

Charlie was a Scotsman,
And—as Scotsmen mostly do—
He came along to London
For an increase in his screw.
But our Mr. Smith, of England,
Was for minimum—not max.—
So he chopped poor Charlie's block off
With a roughly sharpened axe.

Still, time brings his revenges
(Those are wiser words than mine),
And Charlie gets his own back
Now, in 1939.
For it costs about a tenner
To protect our kin and kith,
But 300 quid for Charlie—
That's one in the eye for Smith!—Bee.

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Retorts Courteous

"Every girl should demand that her intended husband owns a block of land on which to build a home before she marries him."

As it is, women take a lot for granted.

"GARDENERS seem to have the happy knack of remaining perpetually young."
—Gardening note.

Always among the evergreens.

"Physiologists state that we make the finest and most delicate use of our muscles in speaking."—"World's News."

Then maybe a fellow with a squeaky voice is really suffering from muscular rheumatism.

"Rev. Arnold Watts was one of the early missionaries to these islands. He mysteriously disappeared."—"D.T."

Amongst the natives "Watts for dinner" was a statement, not a question.

"THE personnel of an American group of archæologists who propose excavating near the ancient city of Petra will include a married woman."—"Women's magazine."

Trust a woman to dig up the past.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 36.0	Max. 52.0
Same date, 1939	Min. 30.5	Max. 46.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 31.5	Max. 57.6
Same date, 1939	Min. 28.8	Max. 48.2

Siccawei's Report

State on the Morning of the 14th:—Normal and rising pressure over China: low and unsteady over Japan. North-westerly to north-easterly winds along the China Coast. Fine, cloudy and cold weather.

State on the morning of the 15th:—Fine and cold weather. Morning fog. Westerly breezes. High and rising pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine, cloudy and milder weather with morning mist and variable winds around Shantung: northerly to easterly and rather fresh over our regions and the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Fierce Hand-to-Hand Battle in Finland

Finns Admit Seriousness of Position and Pray for Snow But Check Russians on All Fronts; Tremendous Losses Reported

Stockholm, Feb. 15.

HAND-TO-HAND fighting, in which the Finns are using their pukkas—long pointed knives—as well as bayonets, is continuing today on the Karelian Isthmus. Although the Finns are not disguising the seriousness of the position there, they are not showing undue alarm. They point out that after 2½ months of fighting and the loss of about 250,000 men, all the Russians have to show is a preliminary foothold in the outside edge of the Mannerheim Line, and a few strips of wild Finnish territory in the north. Four regiments of tanks, it is stated, are being used by the Russians on the Isthmus, 150 tanks at Muola, and 250 at Summa. The Finnish General Staff claim that half the total number of Russian tanks so far used has already been put out of action. The remainder of the tanks, however, are able to advance without land obstacles in the Summa sector, where a certain amount of open ground is covered with snow which is trampled down and frozen hard. Bombs as well as shells are still being showered on the Isthmus. On one Finnish coastal port on Lake Ladoga, the Russians are said to have dropped 500 bombs without gaining a single hit.

The Finns are now praying for a heavy fall of snow, which would cripple Russian activity on land and air, and give Finnish soldiers a breathing spell.

Russia is using men from a wide area. Recent prisoners have come from the Turkish border.—Reuter.

Russians Repulsed

Helsinki, Feb. 15.

Russian forces east of Summa succeeded in capturing a few Finnish advance gun positions, but the attack was halted by bitter Finnish resistance before the Russians could reach gun positions farther inside the Finnish lines, it was reported here last night.

All other Red attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the Russian troops, it was claimed. Thousands of dead and dozens of destroyed tanks littered no-man's-land yesterday as the battle continued in the Summa sector.

In the Kuhmo sector a Russian battalion was broken up and the Finns captured several machine gun nests.

North of Lake Ladoga the Russians failed to advance. The Koivisto batteries shelled all Russian attempts to attack along the ice of the Gulf of Finland, sinking several tanks, presumably by employing high-angle, plunging fire which smashed the ice beneath them, reports said.

17 Red Planes Shot Down

Several hundred Soviet planes flew over Finland Tuesday. Seventeen were claimed to have been shot down. Two others were believed to have been brought down but this could not be confirmed.

Russian pressure yesterday was somewhat less, according to unofficial reports, possibly due to the weariness of the Red troops and possibly because of transport problems.

The weakening of the Russian offensive was believed to indicate that perhaps the attack was running down. According to Finnish figures roughly 40,000 casualties, "300 tanks, dozens of planes and somewhere around 1,500,000 artillery shells have gone into the effort" to drive through the Mannerheim Line.

Some positions on the outer fringe of the Mannerheim have been taken, a communique officially admitted for the first time, but according to informed, private sources, many have been recaptured by the Finns using "pukkas" (short knives) and hand grenades.

The slight, slackening of the Russian effort, which was unofficially reported, may mean only that the Russians are gathering forces for another onslaught. Nobody here yesterday believed that the battle of Summa was finished, but they believed that the next few days would tell the tale.—United Press.

Soviet Tanks Vulnerable

Helsinki, Feb. 15.

The local advances effected by the Russian forces in some sectors during the past two days are not worrying the Finnish High Command who stress that the Mannerheim Line is still intact and resisting as strongly as ever.

At the beginning the huge 70 ton tanks used by the Russians in their advance had a depressing moral effect on the Finnish troops. However, the latter quickly regained their spirits when they found out that anti-tank guns could easily pierce the armour of the lumbering monstrosities.

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Finland Needs Few Weeks More

Heavy Snow Should Bring Respite Says "The Times" In Analyzing Position

London, Feb. 15.

The Russians are said to have concentrated a force equal to the whole army available for the defence of all the frontiers of Finland, "The Times" stated today in a comment on operations on the Karelian front in Finland.

"The Finns opposite them have just enough men to hold the line but they have no forces to spare and few reserves to allow periodical rests for the troops in the fighting line," the paper added. "If they maintain their positions for a few weeks more they should gain temporary relief from the heavy snow that normally falls in March. After that the seasonal thaw will further impede the invaders. But when Spring comes in May it will establish weather conditions throughout Finland different from those at present. That is the moment when help can be most effectively given by the volunteers of foreign countries who, except for a small number of them who are experienced winter sportsmen, are powerless to do much in the present frozen state of the northern countries."—Havas.

Spain Urges Help

Madrid, Feb. 15.

Immediate assistance for Finland was demanded by the press here today, the papers expressing fear that the Finns might not be able to hold out long against the Soviet offensive.

"The Western states," writes the "Alcazar," "must remember that the defeat of Finland will be the first step towards a more extensive aggression against the moral and material interests of Europe and that there is now a magnificent occasion to finish once and for all with Russia by granting serious assistance to the Finnish Government."—Havas.

Heavy Snowfalls on Western Front

French Claim Two Raids Repulsed

Paris, Feb. 15.

Heavy snowfalls have reduced all movement to a minimum on the Western Front. The weather, however, is now slightly less cold. Air activity is at a complete standstill owing to bad visibility. Two incidents, both west of the Saare, are reported today in an army communique. At one point, at the corner of a wood, the Germans attempted to raid a post, but the first burst of fire is said to have set them hurrying back. At nightfall, a German patrol, which had approached too near one of the French posts, is said to have been dispersed by French fire and to have left some men on the ground.—Reuter.

German Claims

Berlin, Feb. 15.

Several prisoners were made during reconnaissance activity today south of Saarbruecken, according to a German communique. It also claims that 58,000 tons of shipping were sunk by U-boats on February 14. This contrasts with the 31,000 tons mentioned in a communique issued by the Admiralty in London.—Reuter.

Chinese Terrorists in Tientsin Arrested

Bomb Discovered in Theatre In British Concession

Tientsin, Feb. 15.

Nineteen Chinese terrorists, including two women, were handed over today to the Chinese court. They were arrested as the result of combined effort by the British and French police.

The terrorists were rounded up following the discovery of a bomb in a local cinema on January 23.

Following a clue the police raided the headquarters of the terrorists and there found arms and chemicals.

No further details on the case have been divulged.—Reuter.

Sultans Give Million Pounds to Britain

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 15.

The Sultans of the four Federated Malay States—Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Pahang—have expressed their unanimous wish to offer a sum of £1,000,000 as a gift to the British Government to aid in the prosecution of the war. The Federal Council supports this desire, and is introducing a resolution at its meeting on February 20. Nine months ago the Sultans donated £500,000.—Reuter.

2,000 Britons Volunteer to Help Finland

Granting of Licence To Enlist Applauded By British Press

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 15.

"General licence has been granted to British subjects to enlist in Finnish forces, and a licence has been issued to the recruiting organization established in London," declared Captain O. Peake, Under Secretary of State for Home Affairs, in a reply to a question on this subject in the House of Commons yesterday.

His Majesty's Government had carefully considered this matter, he said, in the light of a resolution passed by the Assembly of the League of Nations on December 14, on the subject of provision of assistance for Finland.

Government circles have thought that should British subjects, who wished to volunteer for service in Finland, be hindered by the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, it would be inconsistent with the spirit of the terms of that resolution, he concluded.—Reuter.

Women and Girls Going

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 15.

While the British Government's decision to modify the Foreign Enlistment Act, to permit British subjects to fight in the Finnish army, was being announced in the House of Commons, lively scenes were taking place close by in Smith Square, Westminster, where the Finnish Legation has established recruiting offices in one of the mansions which has been closed since the outbreak of war.

A considerable number of British volunteers were registering their names, including middle-aged and elderly men, middle-aged women, and a number of young girls as well as young men of military age.

A number of smartly dressed girls were volunteering to go to Finland as nurses.

A Finnish spokesman told Reuter that the number of persons who had so far been registered did not exceed 2,000, of which number some would not prove fit owing to age or other disabilities. He inferred, nevertheless, that the Finnish authorities were pleased with the volume of the response. The spokesman added that none of those registered had yet left for Finland.

The question as to what uniform volunteers would wear, and also what rate of pay would be given had not yet been decided, he said.

The spokesman suggested that in view of the language difficulty, British volunteers upon arrival in Finland would probably be drafted to an international unit with Finnish soldiers, to do liaison work.

In the vicinity of the recruiting officers, groups of young men in riding breeches and ski boots attracted general attention. They described themselves as volunteers from Hungary who were passing through Britain on their way to fight the Russians.

One of them stated that the detachment numbered 350. Some had come via Yugoslavia, others via Italy.

The Finnish spokesman said that the Legation was not concerned with the passage of volunteers from the continent through Britain. Such volunteers would have to obtain transit visas from British Consulates abroad if they wished to pass through Britain, he added.—Reuter.

Press Hails Decision

London, Feb. 15.

The press this morning unanimously welcomed the Government's decision to allow Britons to enlist as volunteers in the Finnish forces.

The papers stressed that the decision was consonant with the resolution adopted by the League of Nations asking all member states to help Finland.

"It is a timely step in the right direction that the ban imposed on the enlistment of British volunteers under the Foreign Enlistment Act is now lifted," the "Daily Telegraph" stated. "The continuance of this ban is irreconcilable with both the terms and the spirit of the League's resolution of last December to assist Finland against Russian aggression. To have exposed any British subject to the penalties of the Act for taking his share in fulfilling that duty would have been an affront to conscience. It has been argued in some quarters that the removal of the ban might compromise British diplomacy and involve undesirable complications. It is an argument wholly devoid of substance because the Hague Conven-

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Thousands Line Shore and Cheer in Thunderous Welcome for Exeter

Scarred Victor of Graf Spee Battle Sails Into Plymouth; Mr. Churchill Takes Salute

London, Feb. 15.

The British 8,390-ton cruiser Exeter, bearing the scars of the battle against the Graf Spee in South American waters, slowly and triumphantly sailed into Plymouth waters this morning to the welcoming hoots of ships' sirens and the full-throated cheering of masses of people lining the waterfront.

Shortly after daybreak, the Exeter dropped anchor in the Sound, and soon the news spread, and thousands of people went to the famous Plymouth Hoe, assembled by the statue of Sir Francis Drake, and began their long, tumultuous and hearty welcome to Britain's most modern of sea heroes.

The Exter was no longer the graceful, tall-masted cruiser that set forth before the war. Evidence of her battle with the Graf Spee was in the shortened masts and newly-painted gun turrets.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Winston Churchill, took the salute from Mount Wise, with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, beside him, as the Exeter rounded the headland.

A bugler on Mount Wise sounded the salute, and the Exeter responded with three rousing cheers, and Mr. Churchill whipped off his hat.

The Exeter's bard then struck up "Rule Britannia," in which thousands on shore joined. Later, the sirens and hooters of every craft in the vicinity added to the terrific volume of welcome.

Mr. Churchill subsequently boarded the Exeter.

Addressing the officers and men aboard the Exeter, the First Lord congratulated them upon the fortune which enabled them to fight an action in the old style, instead of the long, intricate struggle with mines and U-boats which their comrades were waging.

"When you came upriver this morning, entered harbour and saw the crowds cheering on the banks," he continued, "one may almost have thought there were other spectators in the great shades of the past, carrying us back to Drake, Raleigh and the great seadogs of olden times.

"If their spirits brooded over this scene, you would be entitled to tell them: 'We, your descendants, still make war and have not forgotten the lessons you taught us'."

Mr. Churchill said they faced the future in a spirit of serious resolve. They and their gallant ship were back to cheer the hearts of their fellow-countrymen.

"You have come back," he added, "with a work notably and faithfully accomplished in a worthy cause, with your honours gathered, and your duty done."—Reuter.

Australian Airmen Arrive in England

While the first Australian and New Zealand Expeditionary Force have arrived in Egypt, Australian airmen are also arriving in England. Here is a group giving a cheerful greeting on their arrival at a southern port.

Huge Naval Building Plans Approved in America

House Committee Sanctions Two-Year Expansion Programme; Japan Compares Sea Strength

Washington, Feb. 15.

THE House Naval Affairs Committee today approved a two-year naval expansion programme which calls for the expenditure of $655,000,000 on 21 warships, including three huge aircraft-carriers, and 22 auxiliaries. This programme also provides for the increase of the naval air force from 3,000 to 4,500 strong. This project, which is strongly supported by President Roosevelt, must not be confused with the Vinson Naval Expansion Bill, providing for the expenditure of $966,000,000, which was approved by the House Committee yesterday. The new project gives the Navy only the permission to construct while credits must be voted separately.

Immediately after the programme was approved, a letter from Navy Secretary, Charles Edison, was read. Mr. Edison asserted that the Navy would have preferred to see voted a three-year programme with credits of $1,300,000,000 because of the psychological effect such a programme would have in present circumstances.

Mr. Carl Vinson, chairman of the Naval Committee, stated, however, that the two-year programme of construction will tax American naval building facilities to the full. Moreover, if necessary, Congress in future may increase the number of naval units to be built.—Havas.

Bigger Fleet Urged

Washington, Feb. 15.

The House Naval Affairs Committee yesterday asked Congress to authorize the expansion of the United States battle fleet to meet war perils in an era in which the "realms of fantasy seem only too close to the realms of reality."

The committee urged that the construction of all 21 new warships approved by recent Congressional action be commenced within the next two years. An increased tonnage authorization is imperative if the Navy is to meet properly its defence commitments in a world where the "unthinkable is an accomplished fact," the committee declared. "Just what the contingencies will be, no man can predict."—United Press.

Japan Watching Closely

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

The United States navy does not constitute a threat to Japan at the present time but if plans for expansion which are now before Congress are enacted into law, the resulting sea force will be a "considerable menace" to this nation, according to a recent article appearing in the "Japan Times Weekly."

The author of the article is Mr. Masanori Ito, described as Japan's foremost civilian naval authority. Mr. Ito is a newspaperman who has travelled widely and is the author of several works on naval construction and strategy.

The American navy, the writer says, is unbalanced at present and although its tonnage ratio to Japan is five to three in actual strength it is only four to five. This is due to classifying obsolete ships as first-line craft which in warfare would impede rather than aid a fleet, Ito says. The United States could fight a successful naval war with Japan he goes, on only if she increases and improves her destroyers.

When ships which are now nearing completion in American shipyards, are at sea "it will be possible to stage a battle for about a week in the waters near Japan after refuelling at Wake or Midway," Ito asserts.

He concludes that the United States Navy is fully capable of defending its continental shores now, but that any further expansion sanctioned by the present Congress will raise the American navy to a position where it will be able to attack as well as defend and "Japan will be forced to cope with it."—United Press.

Germany Rejects Panama Protest

Reply Says Allies Have No Serious Desire to Endorse 300-Mile Zone

Berlin, Feb. 15.

Germany has sent a note to the President of Panama rejecting the December 24 protest of the American republics against German violations of the "safety zone" established by the Declaration of Panama, it was officially announced last night.

The note said the protest was rejected because it was "without grounds." Germany, however, is prepared to enter further discussions on the subject, the note said.

The note expressed Germany's "full understanding" of the wish of the American republics to maintain strict neutrality, but charged the Allies with having "no serious desire to endorse the zone."—United Press.

Regarded As Amendment

Berlin, Feb. 15.

Germany has replied to the note sent to all belligerents by America, regarding the establishment of a 300-mile security zone around the American coast.

The reply welcomes the desire of the republics to maintain strict neutrality, but says the contemplated regulation would represent an amendment of international law.

German warships, it is claimed, have observed international regulations, and therefore the Reich cannot consider as justified the protests lodged by the republics.

The note says Germany's position is different from other belligerents, as Great Britain and France have possessions on the American continent and have established important bases there.

Germany therefore suggests that Great Britain and France, under the guarantee of the United States, should accept an obligation not to use these possessions and islands as starting points or bases for military action.—Reuter.

Mr. Churchill's Words Loudly Cheered

Humane Traditions of the Sea to Be Followed

London, Feb. 14.

Loud cheerings broke out in the House of Commons this afternoon when Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared that although German airmen bomb and machinegun unarmed British seamen, British ships will continue to rescue any German they may see adrift at sea.

"Ordinary instincts of humanity require the rescue," he stated to cheers, "of drowning men or castaways should they be observed by British ships in the course of their duties." (More loud cheers).

Mr. Churchill made the statement in reply to a question from labourite J. C. Edgewood, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, who asked whether British authorities would stop sending ships out to rescue German airmen shot down at sea in view of repeated aerial attacks on British vessels.

The First Lord also revealed that "considerable measures" will be taken very shortly in dangerous zones to protect trading ships.—Havas.

No Alliance Between Reich and Russia

London, Feb. 15.

According to a Belgian despatch quoted on the Brussels radio last night, authoritative circles in Berlin assert that Germany has no intention of entering into a military alliance with Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

Congress Votes for Raw Materials

Large Quantities Bought By U.S.

Washington, Feb. 14.

Congress took extraordinarily swift action today when President Roosevelt asked it to vote immediately credits of $15,000,000 for the purchase of raw materials such as manganese, tin and rubber.

The House of Representatives voted the project, but cut down the sum to $12,500,000. The credits project then went before the Senate Appropriations Committee, which approved the reduction.

President Roosevelt already some time ago insisted on the urgency of these purchases, for he brought up the subject in letters to Vice-President John N. Garner and House Speaker William B. Bankhead, Jr.—Havas.

More Bomb Outrages In Birmingham

London, Feb. 15.

An explosion, believed to have been caused by members of the Irish Republican Army, occurred at about midnight at a shop in the centre of Birmingham. One man was injured and taken to hospital. A bomb also exploded at Aston, a suburb of the city, while three unexploded bombs were discovered in its centre.—Reuter.

Fishing Craft to Be Well Guarded

Mr. Churchill Tells of Great Measures Soon for Protection of Vessels

London, Feb. 15.

"We are ceaselessly engaged with plans for putting into execution defensive measures and countermeasures, and these can only be judged by results," declared Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons last night.

He made this statement in answer to a question whether adequate measures had been taken for the defence of trawlers and fishing-boats.

Mr. Churchill added that he hoped a very great measure of protection would be afforded to men working in the North Sea in a very short time.

Naturally, he added, attacks on unarmed and small vessels could not have been expected, but now it appeared that every small vessel must be effectively armed to resist these murderous attacks.

Asked how five German merchant vessels, now loading cargoes in Rotterdam, had managed to escape detection, Mr. Churchill said that although this information was not in accordance with his own information, the House would be aware that the coastlines of Holland and Germany were contiguous.

Questioned on whether he was satisfied that the naval patrol was being efficiently carried out, Mr. Churchill replied that he thought no-one would expect them to maintain a close patrol or close blockade off the German coast, having regard to the enormous development of aircraft since the last war.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Repulse Docks

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 15.

The battle cruiser Repulse—which has several times been reported sunk according to the German wireless—is now in a dockyard for refitting, and also for the purpose of giving the crew shore leave. Half the crew have proceeded on leave.

"There are no heroic sagas to relate," one officer stated.

The Repulse has had about 130 days' steaming to her credit before returning to port.—Reuter.

Obstacles to Opening Of Yangtze

Guerillas, Mines Said to Be Delaying Japanese

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

Various obstacles in the reopening of the Yangtze River, according to the Foreign Office spokesman, were:

1. Chinese guerillas, who were active on the upper reaches of the river;
2. Floating mines; and,
3. Difficulties in bringing wharves, hulks and other river facilities into working conditions.

The spokesman added that although the date for the reopening of the Yangtze had not been revealed, it would take place in the not distant future.—Reuter.

German U-Boats Pay Dearly For Sinking British Ships

H. M. Navy Exacts Swift Revenge in Sending German Submarines to the Bottom

London, Feb. 14.

TWO German submarines paid the full price today for attacks on British merchantmen, the Admiralty announced this evening. The submarines, now helpless hulks on the bottom of the sea, exposed themselves to retributory British naval action when they torpedoed the Sultan Star, 12,306 tons, the Gretafield, oil tanker of 10,900 tons, and the British Triumph, 8,501 tons. British action was lightning swift in the case of the U-boat that torpedoed the Sultan Star, for it was not 30 minutes later that the submarine was found and destroyed.

Meanwhile, a great number of men rescued from other sea tragedies, involving both British and neutral shipping, was landed in British ports today.

Twenty-nine men were members of the Swedish steamer Dalaro's crew. Their vessel, 3927 tons, was sunk after she was torpedoed and shelled by a U-boat in the Atlantic two days ago.

Captain Killed

The captain of the ship was killed on his bridge in one of the shell explosions. The crew, who took to the boats, remained adrift for 17 hours before they were picked up by a Belgian trawler and brought to safety in an Irish port.

Forty-two other sailors landed in Britain today were members of the crew of the British steamer Triumph, which sank after an explosion in the North Sea two weeks ago.

Half the men were landed on the east coast of England, while the other half were taken to another port. Five sailors are missing and are feared to have lost their lives in the tragedy.—Havas.

Danish Crew Saved

Oslo, Feb. 14.

Thirty men, members of the crew of the Danish steamer Shastine Maersk, were landed here by a Norwegian ship today. Their vessel, bound from Morocco to Denmark, was torpedoed and sunk by a U-boat in the North Sea.—Havas.

Brought to Germany

Oslo, Feb. 15.

A U-boat has arrived at Wilhelmshaven, German naval port, with two survivors of the Norwegian steamer Eika (1,503 tons), which has been unheard of since January 27, according to a cable received by the owners of the vessel from the Norwegian Consulate at Hamburg. The Eika had a crew of 18 men.—Reuter.

German Ships Run for It

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 14.

With 60 tons of coffee, lard, cotton and grain aboard, the German freighter Uruguay (5,846 tons), slipped out of Pernambuco, Brazil, yesterday. She was the last to sail of ten German vessels lying there.

At the same the Koenigsberg (6,466 tons), another German freighter, sailed from Belem, on the Amazon delta, but is reported to have stopped later at Gaivota Island, some 70 miles down the estuary, presumably awaiting instructions from Germany.

The whereabouts of the La Coruna, 7,000-ton oil-burning German passenger ship, is unknown.

Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, in a statement to the press today, emphasized that H.M.S. Hawkins had not been involved in any incidents with enemy ships, thus ruling out the possibility that the cruiser could have been concerned in the scuttling of the German vessel Wolfsburg.

It is learned unofficially that the Hawkins will remain at Rio de Janeiro for 48 hours, instead of 28, as at first reported. The need for slight repairs to machinery is given as the reason.—Reuter.

Crew Reported Saved

Oslo, Feb. 15.

Five men of the crew of the Danish ship Martin Goldschmidt (2,095 tons) are reported to have been rescued by a Norwegian vessel off the north-west coast of Scotland. Fifteen members are said to be lost.—Reuter.

British Tanker Sinks

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 15.

Five men are believed to be missing from the London oil-tanker British Triumph (8,501 tons), which capsized after an explosion in the North Sea. Twenty-one members of the crew landed at a port on the East Coast, and a further 21 at another port.

A wireless operator, 16 years old, related how twice in two months he had been rescued from oil tankers sunk by explosions. This was only his second voyage on a big boat, and on each occasion he had been shipwrecked.

The British Triumph was stated to have been attacked by enemy aircraft in the Great Yarmouth roadstead two weeks ago.—Reuter.

British Plane Saves Crew

Oslo, Feb. 15.

A British plane was responsible for saving the whole of the crew of 30 of the Danish steamer Chastine Maersk (5,177 tons) after it had been sunk by a German U-boat.

The plane sighted the men in lifeboats and called a Norwegian ship to the rescue. The Chastine Maersk was en route from Morocco to Denmark with a cargo of phosphate fertilizer. The crew were given time to take to the boats, after which 27 shells were fired into the ship by the German submarine.—Reuter.

U.S. Unconcerned At Nazi Warning

But Reports from Germany Of Decision to Conduct Merciless U-Boat War

Washington, Feb. 14.

Government quarters here stated that U-boats could legally sink an American ship forced into a British control port only after it had been ascertained that the vessel's cargo exceeded 50 per cent. contraband destined for Germany's enemies.

Little concern is shown by the authorities at the statement by a Berlin spokesman, defending the sinking of Dutch vessels, and saying that American ships holding the same status would be fair victims.—Reuter.

U-Boat Campaign Against Neutrals

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.

New instructions that mean pitiless warfare on virtually all neutral vessels have been sent to German submarine commanders, according to news reaching here from Berlin.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Telegraaf," reporting what he was told in the Wilhelmstrasse, formulates the German standpoint as follows:

"If a neutral ship, homeward bound or bound for a neutral country, puts into an enemy port, it will be torpedoed if it has contraband aboard."

The correspondent believes the commander of the submarine which sank the Burgendijk could not have acted on his own responsibility, since the action was opposed to all traditions of the German navy. Hence he must have been acting on instructions amounting to a sort of blank cheque for destruction.

Black Prospect

Germans, according to the correspondent, say that the British must hold up ships and search them at sea, instead of taking them to a control point in the Downs. Dutch ships are thus faced with the prospect of being mercilessly torpedoed, without explanation, if they enter Britain's sphere of sea control which, practically speaking, extends over the whole world.

Theoretically, American ships touching at Gibraltar are liable to be torpedoed under this new rule, and feelings in Holland are particularly bitter that Germany persistently picks out small neutrals for attacks and leaves big ones alone.—Reuter.

U.S. Angry

Washington, Feb. 15.

It was indicated here that if Germany torpedoed an American ship forced into belligerent waters by the British blockade the United States would hold both countries responsible.

Mr. Cordell Hull, hurriedly conferred with the British Ambassador to Washington, Lord Lothian, yesterday to discuss again American demands that Britain cease taking U.S. ships into forbidden areas.

Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the influential Senate Foreign Relations Committee, described the German statement as a "violent, illegal threat." He said, however, that Britain could remove a "very grave danger" by ceasing to force U.S. ships into belligerent areas.—United Press.

Rift in Department of State Denied

Sumner Welles Mission to Europe Clarified

Washington, Feb. 15.

Published reports that the assignment of Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State, to tour European capitals had caused a rift in the State Department, on that President selected Mr. Welles without consulting Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, were vigorously denied here yesterday by Mr. Welles, Mr. Hull, and Mr. Stephen Early, the spokesman for the White House.

Mr. Early said that Mr. Roosevelt had originally considered sending a businessman to Europe, but selected Mr. Welles after a conference with Mr. Hull.

The Secretary of State issued a statement branding the report as false and a new attempt at trouble-making.

"The President and myself have always agreed on politics and methods pertaining to foreign affairs as nearly uniformly as any other two men who have occupied our respective positions," Mr. Hull declared.—United Press.

Japanese Economic Penetration in South Admitted as Motive for Offensive

Osaka Municipal Authorities Sending Mission To Guage Possibilities; Sugar Factory Formed

Canton, Feb. 15.

With condition in Canton becoming more and more normal, Japanese economic penetration has been intensified.

The extent of Japanese commercial activity here may be gauged from the fact that the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in Canton has at present over 7,000 members—the highest in its history.

The latest enterprise under the control of former Chinese regime to be taken over by the Japanese, according to a local report, is the Shuntak Sugar Refinery. This plant is now said to be run by the Taiwan Sugar Enterprise Association. It is also reported that the Association may soon assume control of the Tungkoon Sugar Refinery.

With these two large refineries coming under their control, the Japanese will have a virtual monopoly of the sugar trade in South China.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the Osaka Municipal authorities are sending a party of experts to Canton with a view to surveying the economic possibilities of South China. After conducting an inspection in Canton, the party will proceed to Hoihow (Hainan Island) and Pakhoi.—Reuter.

Japanese Told Terms of China Settlement

Secret Session of Diet Informed of Peace

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

At a secret session of both Houses of Parliament today, the Government explained the terms for the adjustment of Sino-Japanese relations.

These terms, it is understood, the Government intends to publish "by the most appropriate method and at the most appropriate opportunity," probably about the middle of March.

The Lower House did not interpellate the Government on the subject, though it is reported that it intends to do so at a secret session shortly.—Reuter.

High Prices Stir Chinese

Authorities Urged to Check Upward Tendency; Rice and Coal Show Big Increases

The rapid increase in commodity prices in Shanghai during the past few days has created an alarming situation which is the chief topic of household discussions throughout the city. Hope is expressed by the Chinese press and residents that the authorities concerned should do something to relieve the situation before it is too late as the price of even Saigon rice now has surpassed the $50 mark as compared with the former price of $35 or little more when rice riots broke out in the city. The price of native rice is fastly approaching the $60 mark.

As was recently predicted, the price of native rice per picul has increased beyond the $50 mark after the Lunar New Year, the officially fixed price of $40, which is already too high for the average resident, never having been followed by merchants during the past few days. The upward trend was followed just prior to the Lunar New Year but it was then thought to be the usual condition during such a period when buying activities were accelerated, but since the Lunar New Year day the increase of prices has taken most residents unawares since violent increases were registered overnight.

It is learned, however, that the new rice situation is more difficult to control than the situation existing some weeks ago when hoarding and control effected outside the foreign areas were mentioned as chief reasons for the trouble. This time, it is said, the increase is registered chiefly owing to the unfavourable rate of exchange which must be used for buying Saigon rice. The increase was therefore first seen in the local Saigon rice market where formerly most rice-eating people looked for relief as its price was cheaper. Prices of yellow beans, bean oil and flour have all been increased to unprecedented levels.

Coal at $120 Tons

Just as the price of rice has become five times bigger so is the price of coal breaking the $200 mark per ton. The action of some coal merchants is criticized since in addition to hoarding with which they are charged by the Chinese press, they also delay sending goods to customers when ordered. This was most evident yesterday when numerous Chinese house wives complained that they did not receive coal balls (needed for cooking by practically every Chinese family) ordered the previous day. The cargo was there but the delay in sending would mean an additional dollar's profit. The price of a picul of coal balls on Wednesday was $5.80 as compared with about $1 during pre-war days. The price jumped to over $6 yesterday.

The problem is very complicated and no official efforts have so far been made to prevent a general increase of prices although it has been suggested that a price-fixing committee be created. A secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce said yesterday that his Chamber could not do anything at the moment and that the same body had not petitioned the Shanghai Municipal Council to act on the subject. The "Central China Daily News" attributed the unprecedented increase of prices to the "unstable financial situation" resulting from the decrease of the Chinese dollar and suggested that cessation of hostilities would bring relief.

Vatican Also Begins Rationing

Vatican City, Feb. 15.

Even the Vatican has come in line with the rest of Europe to establish rationing of bread, sugar, coffee, butter, tobacco and petrol.—Reuter.

Chinese Goods to Be Registered

Chungking's New Method of Economic Boycott

Commencing today, all Chinese goods manufactured in Shanghai must be certified as such by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce here before they can be transported to the interior under Chungking's control for sale. In a petition sent to the Ministry of Economics at Chungking, the Chamber has mentioned the date for carrying out the new regulations which require the Chamber to certify in writing of all such goods. Printed certificates are ready for distribution.

This is a new measure for preventing merchants here from sending imitation Chinese goods or half Japanese goods to the interior as Shanghai is well within the reach of trade agents in occupied areas. Recently, the Ministry boycotted many Chinese goods manufactured by certain Chinese factories in Shanghai believed to be under the Japanese direction or influence.

British China Embassy Urged to Be Moved

London, Feb. 14.

The Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will be asked in the House of Commons February 20 whether he would consider moving the British Embassy in China from Shanghai to a position in "more favourable geographical proximity to the headquarters of the Chinese Government."

The question form, tabled today by a Conservative member, Mr. Rupert De La Bere, of Evesham, Worcestershire, points out that the American and Soviet Russian embassies are located closer to the Chinese Government and thus "have easy access for commercial discussions and negotiations."—Havas.

2,000 Britons Volunteer To Help Finland

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tion declares "a neutral power does not incur responsibility merely by the fact that persons cross its frontier in order to place themselves at the service of one of the belligerents". In light of this, Russia has no legal ground for protest, even if she were not, in any case, ruled out of court by her own action in Spain."—Havas.

New York Swept by Fierce Blizzard

New York, Feb. 15.

The first blizzard of the winter is sweeping New York city. At least 50 people are injured. After a few hours, traffic was almost paralysed. It is the worst storm since 1938. Pedestrians are forced to cling to lamp posts and ropes strung across the streets to avoid being blown over.—Reuter.

Claims for Rent Fail in Court

Cathay Land Co.'s Actions Against Americans; Lease Acceptance Question

Two actions by the Cathay Land Co., Ltd., against American citizens for payment of sums said to be due for rent for two apartments in Grosvenor House, were dismissed by Judge N. E. Lurton, in the U.S. Consular Court yesterday. The defendants were Clark Vyse, a member of the U.S. Consulate staff in Shanghai, and George V. Monk, local American businessman.

The claim against Mr. Vyse was for $474.72, said to be the amount due for payment of the full amount of rent for Apartment 1203, Grosvenor House for the months of October, November and December 1939 and January 1940. The claim against Mr. Monk was for $384.32, the company claiming that the defendant had failed to pay the full amount due for rent and electricity for the months of October, November and December 1939 and January 1940 with respect to Apartment 403, Grosvenor House.

Both defendants, whose cases were heard together, were represented by Mr. N. F. Allman of Allman, Davis & Kops. Mr. C.S. Franklin, of Franklin & Harrington represented the Cathay Land Co., Ltd.

In his judgment, Judge Lurton said that on or about March 31, 1939, the plaintiff company despatched a letter to the defendant (Mr. C. Vyse) whereby it offered to rent to the defendant those premises then occupied by him under a lease to start on July 31 at a stipulated rental.

Exchange Drop

"On June 13, 1939, the defendant accepted the terms of the plaintiff company's offer to enter into a lease with it for the said premises. The plaintiff company refused to give the lease to the defendant and brought suit to recover the sum claimed to be owing to it by the defendant on a month to month rental basis.

"The plaintiff, in the meantime, the judgment continued, having notified the defendant that his rent would be increased in a sum larger than that stated in its offer of March 31 on a lease basis, it also appears that from the evidence that the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the pound sterling and the Chinese national dollar took a sudden drop on June 7 which rendered the Chinese dollar of less value.

"It is the defendant's contention that the plaintiff was bound by its offer of March 31 to lease him the said premises at a stipulated rental contained therein after his acceptance of the said offer on June 13. It is the contention of plaintiff that the defendant took too long a time to decide the offer of the plaintiff in relation to accepting a lease for the premises and that by reason of the sudden drop in exchange before his acceptance, constituted reasons for the plaintiff to revoke its offer.

Time Limit

"Applying these rules to the facts in this case there appears to be no doubt in the mind of the Court that the time limit was fixed by strong implication in plaintiff's offer, which gave the defendant until July 1 to accept the offer of plaintiff. Even in considering the question of "reasonable time" had no definite time been fixed, which could have been implied in the plaintiff's offer for the defendant to make up his mind, the time utilized by the defendant was not of such long duration from the date of the offer to bring it within the realm of unreasonableness.

"The only way the plaintiff can object to the time taken by the defendant for acceptance of its offer to make it come within the realms of unreasonableness would be due to the fluctuations of exchange, which militated against the plaintiff's interest in the rental value. The plaintiff cannot complain that it was without recourse against the defendant on this point for the following reasons, the exchange dropped on June 7 and the defendant did not accept the offer until June 13.

Who Spoke First?

"The Court cannot conceive why the plaintiff did not avail itself of its right to revoke its offer to the defendant immediately after June 7. It had six days' time to avail itself of this opportunity but failed to do so and it appears to the Court that the plaintiff can be charged with laches in this respect. In this case there was no revocation until after defendant had accepted plaintiff's offer which the latter refused to perform.

In the present case there appears to be no question about the fact as to which spoke first. The defendant accepted the plaintiff's offer in writing on June 13 and it was not until after that date that the plaintiff refused to comply with the defendant's acceptance. The defendant spoke first and it appears to the Court that he was within his rights to demand that the plaintiff carry out the terms of its offer of March 31."

On similar grounds the other action by the company was dismissed.

Fierce Hand-to-Hand Battle in Finland

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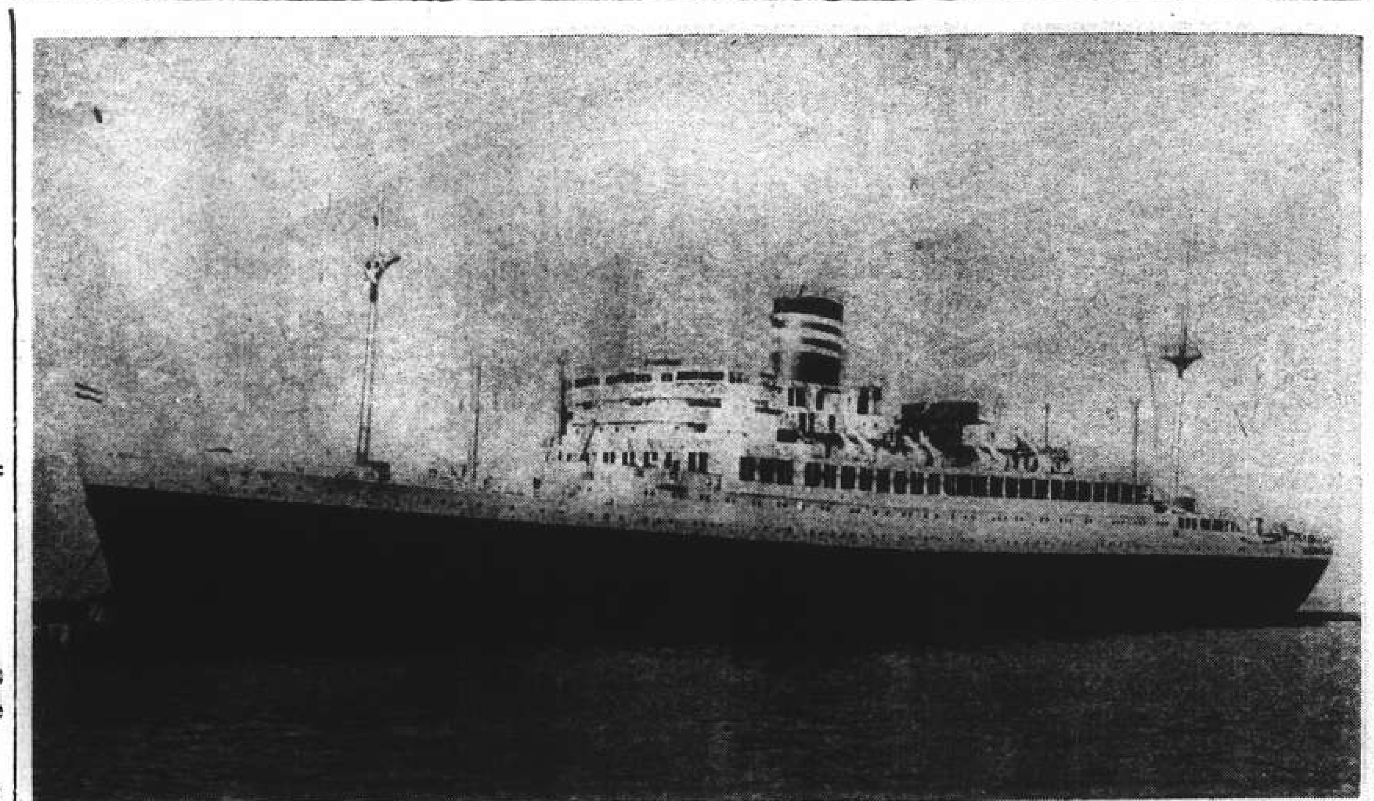
On the Karelian front the Soviets are still continuing to send fresh troops to the front lines with no consideration for loss of life.

The Russians started another series of attacks yesterday across the ice-covered Gulf of Finland and Lake Ladoga. The Finns successfully repelled every attack. The situation in these sectors is considered as most favourable for the Finns.—Havas.



New N.Y.K. Liner Completes Speed Trials

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"We Are Going to Win This War"

London, Feb. 15.

"I believe we are going to win this war," said Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, speaking in London last night. "We all hope it will be won without the great slaughter of the last war, but won it must be if we are going to get anything like a peace in which people can live quietly in their own homes, relieved from constant menace. I want to warn everyone to beware of unreasonable optimism," said Mr. Attlee. "Because a thing has not happened yet, that is not a reason for saying it will not happen soon."—Reuter.

Japanese Withdraw From Pingyang

Chinese Claim Victory In South China; Yangtze Fighting Continues

Canton, Feb. 15.

"After defeating the plan of General Chiang Kai-shek to recapture Nanning, the Japanese forces withdrew from the Pingyang plain to the vicinity of Nanning on February 12," states a communiqué issued today by the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in South China.—Reuter.

Chinese Claims

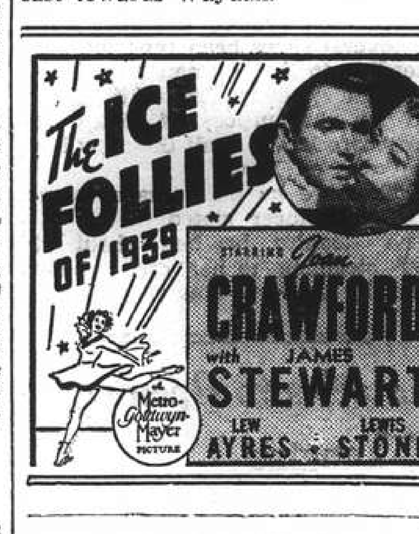
Chungking, Feb. 15.

Chinese forces in West Suiyuan, in a counter-attack, entered the city of Lingho on the night of February 12 and are at present pursuing "retreating Japanese forces to the east, along the highway towards Wuyuan," according to Chinese reports.

It is stated that when Japanese forces reached the Ninghsia border on February 9, Chinese forces started a counter-attack along the entire front, stretching from a point west of Lingho to a point east of Wuyuan.

Chinese troops near the Ninghsia border, it is reported, attacked Huanyangmutou, south-west of Lingho and also Shanpa, north-west of Lingho, while Chinese forces in the Wula Mountains attacked Tatsetien, east of Wuyuan.

Fighting is said to have reached great intensity by February 11. According to Chinese reports, the entire Japanese front collapsed on the night of February 12, after which, they began a general withdrawal to the east towards Wuyuan.



THE CINEMA

"First Love"

Connie Harding	Deanna Durbin
Barbara Clinton	Helen Parrish
Ted Drake	Robert Stack
James Clinton	Eugene Pallette
Walter Clinton	Lewis Howard
Mrs. Clinton	Leatrice Joy
Wilma van Everett	June Storey
George	Charles Coleman
Marcia Parker	Marcia Mae Jones
Miss Wiggins	Kathleen Howard
Terry	Jack Mulhall
Agnes	Mary Treen

A subtly changed Deanna comes to us in "First Love," the film now current at the Nanking Theatre. Her performance and the exquisite voice that awed while it thrilled in "Three Smart Girls" and other pictures has developed a more mature quality. Young Miss Durbin is almost in line with her older colleagues of the singing screen; we loved it, but shed a surreptitious tear, for this attractive story of first love is, no doubt, the forerunner of other screen romances. It is a Cinderella tale. Deanna, poor little relation fresh from school, is denied by her rich cousin the joy of attending the ball. It is the servants in this modern version who wave the magic wand, and by a daring ruse get her there, and have the others arrested and detained till midnight And Cinderella dreams her dream and meets her Prince Charming—and even loses her unaccustomed slipper on the stairs—at midnight! As expected, there are some excellent vocal renditions, "Home, sweet Home," a Strauss waltz, and climaxing with the aria from Madame Butterfly, "One Fine Day." The supporting cast is lively and entertaining, Miss Leatrice Joy a refreshing comeback to the screen, and Mr. Eugene Pallette providing the kindly element and some good laughs. Mr. Robert Stack is well chosen as the charming hero and more is sure to be seen of him in future films. The spoilt rich cousin is ably portrayed by Miss Helen Parrish.

The shorts are most entertaining. One depicts the art of skiing, giving some beautiful shots of snow and pine scenes, and a cartoon on the same subject following, completing a fine programme.—M.B.

"Gulliver's Travels"

Lemuel Gulliver	Shipwrecked Sea Capt.
King Little	of Lilliput
King Bombo	of Blefuscu
Princess Glory	Daughter of King Little
Prince David	Son of King Bombo
Gabby	Lilliput Town-crier
Snear, Snoop, Snitch	Spies for Blefuscu
Twinkletoes	Carrier Pigeon
Courtiers, Townsfolk, Mechanics, Sailors	

"Gulliver's Travels," which opened to crowded houses at the Grand and Metropol Theatres yesterday afternoon, did not disappoint the audience, for never has there been a cartoon of such artistic beauty screened before. Filmed in gorgeous technicolour, filled with humour and beautiful songs, the picture is a veritable triumph for its producers. The story and the characters, known the whole world over by young and old alike, are vividly depicted in a film that has everything. The picture starts with a storm at sea and shows Gulliver washed ashore. Here he is found by Gabby, the Lilliput town-crier, who rushes to the Palace to tell the King. Meanwhile, in the Palace, preparations are in progress for the wedding of Princess Glory and Prince David. But an argument over a national song to be sung at the weeding brings war between the two nations and it takes Gulliver to pacify the two Kings and re-unite the lovers. Gabby, the Lilliput town-crier, steals the picture with his antics. The scene, where he finds Gulliver asleep on the shore and rushes to the Palace, was a masterpiece in itself. The other characters are also perfect, especially Sneak, Snoop and Snitch, the three spies, and King Little, who somehow reminded one of Mr. Frank Morgan. The singing was excellent and the songs, particularly "It's a Hap, Hap, Happy Day," will probably be sung, hummed and whistled for many days to come. "Catching Hoppers," a Sportlight, "Protek the Weakerist," a most amusing Popeye the Sailor Cartoon and "Champagne Music," a short musical, completed a very entertaining programme.—I.M.

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Nitta Maru to Make Maiden Voyage; Three Ships to Be Built

The ss. Nitta Maru, crack new liner of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, set a new record for Japanese shipping in her speed trials off the Japanese coast today when her turbine engines reached a horse power of 28,459 to drive the vessel through the waves at the speed of 22.474 knots.

The ss. Nitta Maru is the first of three 16,500-ton ultra modern liners to be constructed for the N. Y. K. Line, the other two ships, the Gawata Maru and the Kasuga Maru, will be completed in August this year and May, 1941, respectively. Originally designed for service on the European route from Japan to London, the new ships will not be placed on this run because of the hostilities in Europe. Consequently the Nitta Maru will be placed on the Orient-California run, connecting San Francisco with Japan, the Philipines and China via Honolulu, as a running mate of the Kamakura Maru and Asama Maru.

One of the most modern liners to sail under any flag, the Nitta Maru is completely equipped for air-conditioning throughout the passenger quarters, including the first class staterooms. This feature of the vessel was introduced to combat the heat of Suez but it is not essential on the run to California. The air-conditioning apparatus will be put into operation whenever occasion demands, however, and will be particularly welcome during the summer months in Manila, Hongkong, China and Japan.

The Nitta Maru will sail from Yokohama on her maiden voyage about the middle of April and on her return from the United States in the latter part of May will be thrown open for inspection when she arrives in Shanghai.

The vessel is 590 feet in length with a beam of 74 feet, has a gross tonnage of 16,500 tons and a capacity tonnage of 11,800 tons. She has accommodation for 127 first class passengers, 88 second class passengers and 70 third class passengers, a total of 285 in all. The ship is propelled by two sets of double reduction geared turbines developing 21,000 horse power, which drives the vessel through the waves at top speed of over 22 knots. Her keel was laid at the Nagasaki Dockyard of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Co. on May 9, 1938 and she was launched on May 20, 1939. Another feature of the ship is the complete electrification of the kitchen.

Shanghai Returns To Normal

Japanese Spokesman on Lifting of Restrictions On Passes to Hongkew

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

Lifting of pass and curfew restrictions for entry into the Japanese defence sector in the International Settlement showed that the situation in Shanghai was returning to normal, a naval spokesman declared today.

Traffic in that part of Shanghai, which had been patrolled by the Japanese landing party, he added, had been restricted in order to prevent Chinese terrorists and other lawless elements from smuggling themselves to and from the area.

The restrictions, he said, would be enforced again, however, if necessary.

Questioned regarding the reopening of the Yangtze River, the spokesman said that the Japanese Government's decision to reopen the river up to Nanking was not a mere gesture. Japanese authorities on the spot, he continued, were pushing preparations for that purpose in "dead earnest."

The exact date of the reopening could not be given at this time, the spokesman said, although the date was not far away.

There were various obstacles in reopening the Yangtze, he stated, pointing out that Chinese guerillas had been active on the upper reaches of the river. Another difficulty, he said, was in putting facilities in condition.—Domei.

Workers at China Import And Export Co. Strike

Some 700 Employees Out At Yangtszepoo Yard

After threatening since the beginning of this week, a strike of all the workers at the China Import and Export Lumber Co., a British firm at 1426 Yangtszepoo Road was declared yesterday. A portion of the nearly 700 employees had been on strike since the early part of the week.

There were no disturbances at the establishment yesterday, but police from the Yangtszepoo Station were keeping a strict watch on the situation. Some picketing activity was noted. The various departments were naturally closed.

The strikers are said to have made several demands, including asking for higher wages and "better treatment."

Buffer Zone Sought Round Shanghai

Hongkong, Feb. 15.

Creation of a "buffer zone" in the Sino-Japanese hostilities, consisting of still unaffected portions of Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces, was being strongly advocated here today by Chinese "emigré" bankers from Shanghai. The same views were said here to be gaining ground among members of the Chekiang financial clique still remaining in Shanghai.—Domei.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

THE following students were successful in the London Intermediate B.Sc. (Engineering) Examination held in June, 1939:—Yang Ming Kiu, Yang Yung Hang, Yue Yu Shun.

INTERESTED friends are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Shanghai Hebrew Mission today from 5.30 to 6.15 p.m., in the Free Christian Church, 681 Hart Road. Tea from 4.30 p.m.

MR. A. G. N. Ogden, formerly H.B.M.'s Superintending Consul in Shanghai, and Mrs. Ogden, have returned from home leave. Mr. Ogden has been appointed Consul at Nanking.

MEMBERS of the British Women's Association home and garden section are reminded that the annual meeting of the section takes place at Lady Mossop's, 65 Tunsin Road at 10 a.m. today.

FRIENDS and supporters of the China Bible House (British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society) are asked to note that the annual meeting of the organization has been fixed for Wednesday, March 27, at 5 p.m.

OWING to the tremendous demand at both the Grand and Metropol theatres for tickets for "Gulliver's Travels," regular patrons of both houses are earnestly advised to secure their tickets as early as possible, thus avoiding both a long wait and the possibility of disappointment.

THE Postmaster-General yesterday announced his intention of proceeding with the proposal to issue in May of this year a special series of postage stamps of lower denominations to commemorate the centenary of the introduction of the first adhesive postage stamps now in general use throughout the world.

A YOUNG soldier, travelling under escort to meet charges of warehouse-breaking and shop-breaking, leapt from an express train travelling at 50 m.p.h. His freedom, however, did not last long. A police patrol which had been given his description found him staggering along with a head wound and an injured back. He finished the journey to prison in a police car.

ANOTHER club, the famous City Carlton Club, held a meeting of members last week to discuss their position. It was decided to go on at least through the year 1940. And members who have put in their resignations are being asked to withdraw them. The Carlton is no longer the citadel of Toryism. But it is one of the old clubs of the City, and it has fine premises in St. Swithin's Lane.

MEN who make saxaphones are busy on work of national importance, which is not making saxophones. In the Besson and Company's factory, just off Marble Arch, 90 craftsmen are working on an order for 5,000 trumpets and bugles for the three services and on another for 21 complete military band outfits for the Australian Defence Force. But there seems no corresponding rush for saxophones.

AN R.A.F. pilot, flying a Spitfire at a height of 23,000 ft., lost consciousness owing no doubt to lack of oxygen, and regained consciousness to find the machine in a vertical dive at high speed. He succeeded in pulling himself out of the dive, noticing that in the immediately following vertical climb he did 400 m.p.h. which, say the experts, shows he must originally have been travelling at between 650 and 700 m.p.h.

MR. Meng Shou-cheng, "Chairman of the Peace Maintenance Committee" of Quemoy Island, off South Fukien, was murdered by a party of Chinese youths on February 5, says a belated message from Foochow to the "Sin Wan Pao." The Chinese stole into the city after arriving at the island by junks, and killed many pro-Japanese officials, the report adds. As a precautionary measure against further untoward incidents, the Japanese are now patrolling coastal areas of the island, the report concludes.

"GREY Owl," who was known all over the world as a Red Indian, lover of wild creatures, and who died last year, is mentioned in the "London Gazette" as "Archie McNeil, otherwise Grey Owl." He left £3,000 to his widow, Yvonne McNeil, known as "Silver Moon," and his daughter "Shirley Dawn" at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He served in France in 1915, as a sniper in the Montreal Black Watch. He looked like an Indian, and three years ago, spoke at a luncheon in London on wild life in the Canadian Far West. Grey Owl's real name was Archie Belaney. His mother's name was Kittie Morris. He was born in Sussex.

THE Rev. J. Basil Gower-Jones, vicar of Chelmarsh, Shropshire whose sexton left at short notice and who was unable to get a man from the labour exchange, decided to dig the grave himself for a funeral which was to take place in a few hours. He did it in three hours, and found it very hard work, as the last foot was a bed of clay, which he had to break with a pick and then shovel out. He then hurried home, changed his clothes, and went back to officiate at the funeral. His parishioners subsequently called a meeting and decided that this must not happen again; and one of them, a miner, has volunteered to do the work.

THE Assistant Secretary of Southampton Rechabite Temperance Society, Mr. William Percival Quick, was yesterday found guilty of being in charge of a car while under the influence of drink; he was fined £5 and his licence was suspended for six months. Mr. Quick drove past dock railway gates against a warning signal,. and his car got jammed in the railway points. His solicitor pleaded that his condition was due solely to overwork; in the ordinary way he did not drink, but on this occasion, feeling the cold very much, he stopped at a hotel and had a whiskey, after which he got reckless and had another. The High Secretary of the Rechabites last night stated that total abstinence is a condition of membership of the organization.

Chinese Flocking North of Creek

Dispensing with Passes Leads to Big Movement Extending Into Chapei

The big parade to Hongkew, and the areas north of the Creek generally, was on all day yesterday when thousands of Chinese took advantage of the Japanese gesture in dispensing with pass rules and lifting the military curfew hitherto in force. A metaphorical starting gun was fired at 12 o'clock midnight, and from that moment onwards a large movement of Chinese—on foot and in motor-cars took place. It was estimated that the volume of Chinese passing over the three bridges concerned was from 40 to 50 per cent. greater than before the abolition of the pass requirement. Previously, the Japanese authorities had issued a total of about a million passes and permits of various descriptions for the Northern areas.

By far the heaviest traffic went over the Szechuen Road Bridge, with the Garden Bridge second and the Chapoo Road Bridge third in importance. It was significant that many of the Chinese who trekked northwards were accompanied by luggage, boxes and bundles. No searches of cars, baggage or persons were reported. Everything apparently went smoothly throughout the day. There were no "incidents."

Migration Into Chapei

A large portion of those who crossed over did not stop in Hongkew or Yangtszepoo but continued on into Chapei and districts beyond. To thousands it was the first time that they had been "north of the Creek" since they fled from their homes before the beginning of hostilities in 1937. That many were doomed to bitter disappointment and would find only ruins where their houses had stood before, was inevitable.

The attitude of the Chinese crossing the bridges varied a great deal. In some cases mingled fear and curiosity were noticeable, and they passed the Japanese naval sentries cautiously, bowing deferentially. But apparently bows and bared heads were not insisted upon, for there were others who walked briskly by without paying any heed to the sentries. Pass-holders especially in the early hours of the day, kept showing their cards as usual, but were told by the sentries that such action was no longer required. "Vee yau passsz!" was a cry which was heard numberless times from the lips of the naval men.

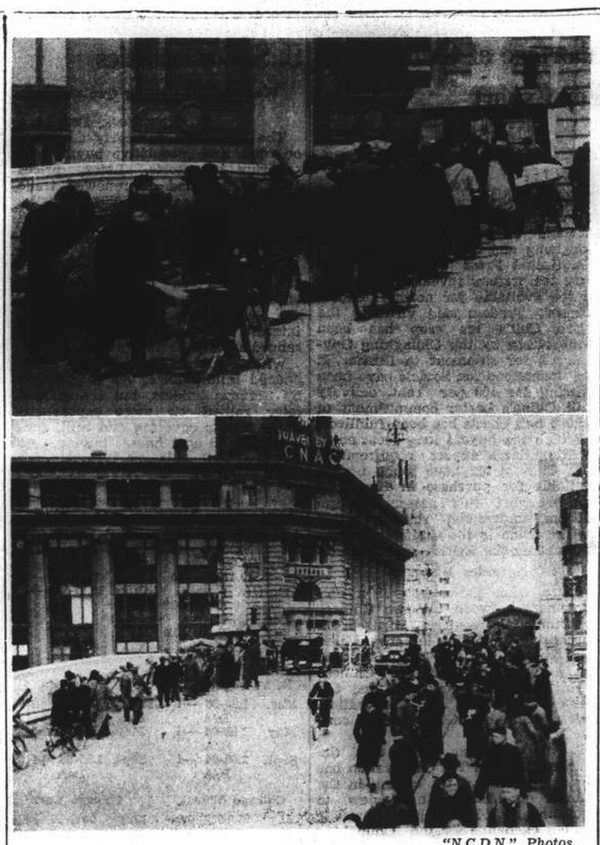
Despite the free movement of Chinese to and fro over the bridges, the hawkers who sell transpanent covers for the Japanese-issued passes were still in evidence in the vicinity of the bridges but did practically no business.

The 2 to 4 a.m. curfew on the three spans, which also affected foreigners, has been lifted, and it is expected that this action may induce some foreigners to seek living quarters in Hongkew.

Serious Police Problem

One of the problems which would become especially acute with the return of many residents to the areas of the International Settlement north of the Soochow Creek and east of West Hongkew, is that of policing. At present the Police in Hongkew and other districts are limited by Japanese decree, and all the stations would need a return of many foreign and Chinese members in order to constitute adequate protection and be able efficiently to deal with crime. Various forms of violent crime, especially armed robberies, have increased considerably in recent months throughout the Eastern area, and if a large influx of residents is about to take place, observers point out that the Police must be materially augmented. At present, for instance, the number of Chinese policemen is extremely limited, and these policemen are not allowed to be armed as elsewhere in the Settlement.

The Japanese naval authorities have put the returning Chinese on their good behaviour. The re-imposition of restrictions is threatened should there be trouble in the area. Heads of families desiring to establish residence "over the Creek" are still required to obtain permits from the Reconstruction Section of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party.



"N.C.D.N." Photos.

Chinese Flock Back to Hongkew

The relaxation of restrictions by the Japanese resulted in a large number of Chinese returning to Hongkew yesterday. Here are scenes at the Szechuen Road bridge.

Detective Honoured on Eve of Departure

Mr. H. E. Harrison Guest Of S.M.P. Comrades

Detective-Sergeant H. E. Harrison, a popular member of the Shanghai Municipal Police for over nine years during which he was variously a Trooper, a fingerprint officer and a station detective, left the Force yesterday, having resigned in order to start a new career in New Zealand. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison will sail early next week for their future home.

A large and representative group of his police comrades gathered at Central Station yesterday afternoon to bid farewell to the departing officer and present him with suitable mementoes. Mr. V. Sharman, Divisional Officer of "A" Division, spoke on behalf of assembly and Mr. Harrison responded briefly. The Force in general presented to its departing member and his wife an inscribed silver cocktail set adorned with the S.M.P. crest, while the gift from the foreign, Japanese and Chinese detectives at Central Station was a box containing an inscribed silver cigarette case and a silver cigarette box.

Mr. Harrison joined the police on January 6, 1931. He has been attached to Headquarters and several stations, spending two years in the Mounted Branch, a year and a half in the Fingerprint Office and, recently, six months as a detective at Central Station. He was promoted to sergeant on January 6, 1934.

Present at yesterday's function were Supt. D. B. Ross, Chief Inspector F. G. West, Detective Inspector W. Duncan, Inspector F. V. Collison, Detective Inspector J. C. Dickson, Detective Inspector Van Tuh-foo, Sub-Inspectors H. Willgoss, E. C. Watson, G. Duncan, S. J. Gazeley, W. C. Fowler and M. Kobayashi; Sergeants C. E. A. Cooke, R. Francis, C. Weed, J. Seaby, J. Sutherland, and many others.

Ex-Partners in Legal Dispute

Hearing of Counter Claim Continues in H.M. Court; Adjourned Until Today

Hearing of a counter-claim for $6,072.72 brought against Mr. A. C. Davis by Mr. J. A. Thompson was resumed before Assistant Judge P. Grant Jones in H. M. Supreme Court yesterday. The counter-claim arises out of a partnership agreement which the two men were alleged to have entered into in connection with the International Stadium Ltd.

Mr. Davis occupied the witness box for the entire hearing yesterday. Examined by his counsel, Mr. P. Watkin Williams, Mr. Davis said that Thompson had called on him on November 6, 1934, and said that he (Thompson) had an opportunity to submit a tender to Sassoon's for repairing house property. He was a one-man concern and not too well financially, continued Davis, and he desired a responsible background. He asked the witness if he would join him in this venture. Davis agreed and the next day a short partnership agreement was drawn up. The witness said he agreed to work under the name of Thompson, Davis & Co., general contractors, builders and commission agents, only for purpose of the Sassoon tender.

The firm did business and profit was made. On November 8, 1934, Thompson again visited Davis, according to the witness, and said he had an opportunity to enter into a large land deal which required him to deposit a certain sum of money. He said he was financially tied up and could not find the amount and asked Davis to lend it to him. Davis said he loaned him $3,000.

Trouble With Scott

Thompson came to see him the following day, according to Davis, and said he was having trouble with an American named Scott. Davis suggested that Thompson get rid of Scott and Thompson was said to have replied that he had tried to do so but Scott wanted money to get out and he had no more money to pay. He said that there was $10,000 involved in the deal. Scott eventually agreed to transfer his interests to Thompson for $500, which sum Davis paid to Scott.

Davis later came in on the project with Thompson with the agreement that Davis should pay half the legal expenses and handle correspondence, for which he was to receive an amount of cash and an amount of shares in the company. In an agreement which Davis signed, he stated that he would be responsible for half the legal expenses liable to Messrs. Hansons, his lawyers, and not other law firm. In his evidence Davis said that Hansons fee was too high and the legal matters off the company were transferred to Messrs. Anderson & Anderson.

Cross-examined by Mr. R. L. Stuart, counsel for Mr. Thompson, the witness maintained that the only expenses he agreed to pay were half the legal expenses. Mr. Stuart asked Mr. Davis if he thought that anyone in his right mind would agree to take him as a partner on a fifty-fifty basis for profit if all he was going to pay was half the legal expenses. The hearing was adjourned until 2 p.m. today.

Friends of Finland Fund

Previously acknowledged £36-10-0 US $110.00 Ch$17,363.47.

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W. Friman.	25
H M Sperry	50
Friends, H'kow	35
Rev I Daehlin	50
H A Raider	20
F E Oxygen Co	150
E Brundin SwKr	50
G S Moresthe	100
H P Goernandt	500
Emile Fontanel	150
E H D	25
Ebba Winther	10
X Dietz	25
Tea party, 804	10
P R G	10
H Wilbur	5
Amer Mother	25
C L Fischer	10
Another Dane	500
Wendy & Rona	10
Estonian Friends	437
W H Hudspeth	20

Total to date £36-10-0 US$110.00 Ch $19,530.47 Sw.Kr. 50.00.

Salvation Army's Annual Appeal

Donations to the Salvation Army's 1940 appeal yesterday swelled the total to $79,501, one donation of $500 coming from a group of 20 Chinese.

It was explained by Brigadier B. Morris, Regional Officer, that no part of the fund will be used for Army activities in other parts of China but exclusively in Shanghai, where the Army maintains refugee camps caring for thousands of unfortunate persons, the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Department, the Men's Shelter, Men's Hostel and various other departments.

The new list of donations follows:

C/Fwd.	$77,866.21	R A Henningsen	25
20 Chi Friends	500	A F Kerske	25
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G V Fuller	100	G Sinclair	20
J A Collins	50	"Anon"	20
T J Whitaker	50	A D Openshaw	20
"Anon"	50	W Stewart	10
Whiteaway, L Co	50	2 Friends	10
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F K Simmons	50	J S K Oliver	10
H W Pilcher	30	J D A Hutchison	10
N H Rutherford	30	A M Cobbett	10
J A Gunn	25		
E Varland	25		
Miss C Service	25		
Richard Hubert	25		
			$79,501.21

Salvation Army "Rice Bus" and "Waifs Fund"

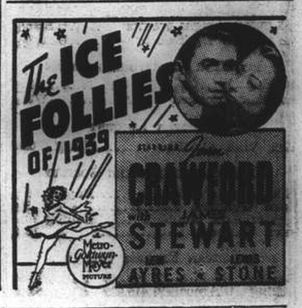
C/Fwd.	$59,164.27	Wu Sung Ching	20
C F Hung	105	Per NCDN	16
E Otto	50	S N Zunn	2
"A Chi Friend"	31		
"Mah Jongg"	25		
M J Stewart	20		
			$59,433.27

Two Injured as Roof Collapses at Shop

Burkill Road Is Scene of Two Fires Within Hour

Two Chinese, both men, were injured by falling debris at the New China Machine Shop, 90 Yochow Road, at 9.15 o'clock yesterday morning when a portion of the roof collapsed while repairs were being made. They were not seriously affected and only one was taken to hospital. He was conveyed to the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic, Range Road, in a Fire Brigade ambulance.

Two minor fires, at 621 and 643 Burkill Road respectively, were extinguished by firemen from the Sinza and Central Stations between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The two blazes were not connected.



Western Area Pact Signed Today

Council Chairman and Mayor Fu Will Meet at Kiangwan in Afternoon

An agreement on the question of jurisdiction in extra-Settlement districts of western Shanghai will be signed by Mr. C. S. Franklin, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and Mr. Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the Shanghai Special Municipality, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Japanese authorities indicated yesterday. A Council spokesman confirmed this statement last night, saying that the agreement would be signed at Kiangwan.

At the same time the Special Municipality and the S.M.C. will disclose documents stating the entire agreement, and the Japanese Consulate-General will issue a statement on the matter, it was learned from Japanese sources.

Profiteering Merchants Sentenced

Short Measure Trick Shown In Oil Sales

Tong Cheng-tung and Chou Hai-chang, manager and assistant of the Wan Yi Sauce and Provision Shop at 254 Changping Road, were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment yesterday by the First Special District Court charged with fraud in which they were found to have placed several cardboard pieces in a Chinese measurement for holding oil which they sell in order to increase the contents. The profiteering merchants may appeal against the decision.

As the oil needed by the Chinese for cooking purposes has registered an increase of price the two merchants were found by the court to have aggravated the situation by profiteering in a most mean manner. By chance, they were discovered by an alert police officer in the winter of last year to have placed five pieces of thick paper in the measurement thus rendering it impossible for customers to obtain the exact quantity of oil they bought. They were arrested by the Gordon Road police and sent to the court.

The manager tried to shift the responsibility by telling the court that the crime was committed at the instigation of his elder brother and without his knowledge. He asked the court to arrest his brother. His assistant told the judge that he became an assistant of the oil shop only in November of last year and soon he knew the illegal business trick. He kept the matter hushed up in order to hold his job, he said, and he asked for leniency.

This is the first time that a local court has punished profiteering oil merchants. In the Second Special District in the French Concession, two rice merchants were recently punished for similar offences in connection with their business. They were found to have also illegally changed their weight system in order to make extra but illegal profit. In one case, the weight of a scale was hollowed out at the centre in order to increase the weight of the rice sold.

Finnish Red Cross

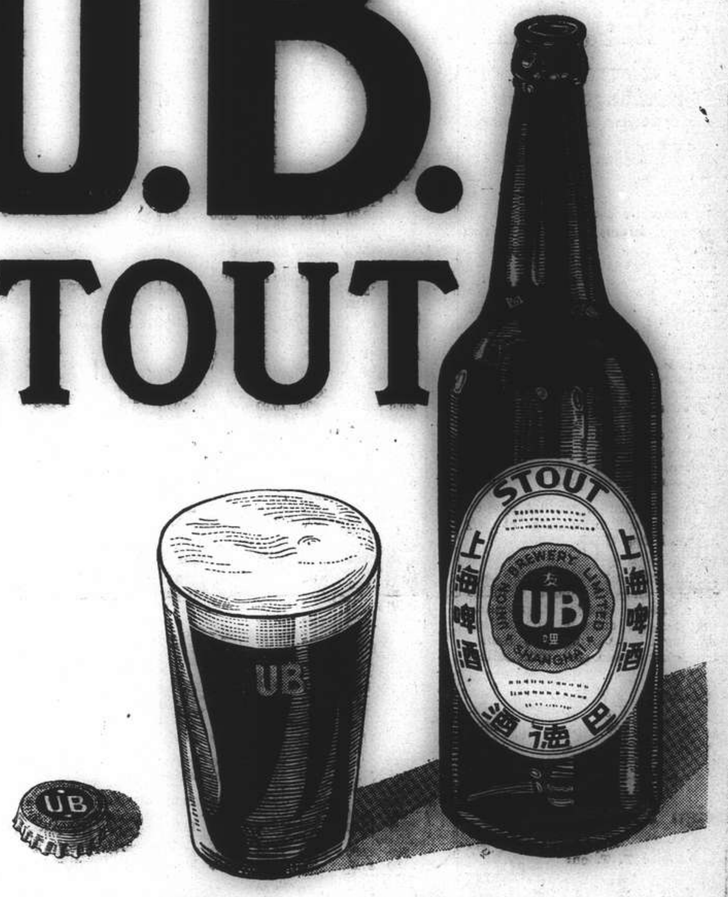
Previously acknowledged Swedish Kroner 50.00 .....Ch$7,416.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Bringert 500.00

Total to date: Swedish Kr. 50.00 Ch$7,916.00.

"THE CATHAY"
Shanghai's Social Centre
As from
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH
The BRER FOX
NIGHT CLUB & RESTAURANT
8th Floor CATHAY HOTEL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
SUNDAY EVENINGS ONLY

"TSAR-MAIDEN"
Matinee on Sunday at 2
Come yourself and bring your children!

U.B. STOUT



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ORDER DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE 30087

INTERNATIONAL SAVINGS SOCIETY

329th Monthly Drawing—15th February, 1940

Bonds in force: 25,640

2,617 Reimbursements totalling $84,100.00

Reimbursement of $20,000 drawn by Bond No. 109,617

$2000 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.		$300 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.		$200 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.		$100 Reimbursements drawn by Bond Nos.	
5308	68113	12456	76259	3183	96516	40301	67989
23197	76443	41797	81185	36722	111704	48424	69152
39181	79052	63165	92365	44378	112815	53103	90605
46351	100306	70395	117275	46663	122768	61065	94579
62461	115852	71961	118711	72823	123746	64814	110609
67814	131118	73511	121462	84746	130582	66186	116062

Reimbursement of $1,640 drawn by Bond No. 76612
" " $ 246 " " " No. 128696
Reimbursement of $164 drawn by Bond No. 81131
" " $ 82 " " " No. 77198

Reimbursement of $12 drawn by Bonds terminating with "0"

The International Savings Society draws the attention of the public to the fact that there are often misprints in the drawing lists published in various newspapers. The Society does not hold itself responsible for these errors, as the only official drawing list is the one issued by the Head Office with the title "Official Drawing List."

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

Money and Exchange

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4¼d.		$ 56.47
U.S. $100 @ 7		$1,428.57
Francs	312	$100
Yen	29⅝	100
Guilders	13	001
Rupeer	23½	100
Pesos	14	100
Hongkong	$28⅜	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4⅜d.	$ 54.85
U.S. $100 @ 7 3/16	$1,391.30
London—demand, $1=	4⅜d.
4 months' sight credits	4 7/16d.
4 months' sight docts	4½d.
6 months' sight credits	4 15/32d.
6 months' sight docts	4 17/32d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$7 3/16
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$7 1/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$7 1/16

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling ....4 7/16d. U.S. $6 21/32
Hongkong/London 1/2⅞

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,031.50 ........C.N.$1,000.00

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Netherlands Guilders ......Buying 13⅝
Java Guilders .... „ 13½
Netherlands Guilders ......Selling 13¼
Java Guilders .... „ 13⅛

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,379.310 £1=$54.857
Selling U.S.$100=$1,415.929 £1=$56.058

BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER

Belgas 0.41¾=$1 Belgas 23.40=£1

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.41=$1 Swiss Frs. .32½=$1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d per H.H.$ 1
„ Buying „ @ 6 5/32 „ H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling „ @ 9⅛ „ H.H.$100
„ Buying „ @ 10⅛ „ H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 137 per H.H.$100
buying @ 142 „ H.H.$100

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest		Lowest
£	4 5/16		4 11/32
U.S. G.$	7 3/32		6 15/16
Yen	—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

SELLING				BUYING
Cash		February		
£ T.T.	4 3/16	4 m/s. l.c.		4 5/16
G.$ T.T.	6⅞	4 m/s. l.c.		7
Fcs. T.T.	306	4 m/s.		319
Rs. T.T.	23⅜	15 d/s.		23⅞

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOR'D
London pence per std. oz.	20 13/16	20¾
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	34¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	56.02	—
Bombay offtake 50 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CROSS RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.95½
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.95⅝
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.96

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4 9/32 sterling and 7 1/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 5/16 sterling and 7 3/32 U.S.$. Large import demand caused a steady decline throughout the day despite considerable selling at each level by a prominent Bank.

The market closed easy with sellers at:—

4 3/16	sterling	6 29/32	U.S.$	Cash
4 3/16	„	6⅞	„	Feb.
4⅛	„	6¾	„	Mar.
4 1/16	„	6⅝	„	Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Closing Feb. 14.

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:

Japan	79¾	London	1/5 31/32
New York	333	2 mths	
Shanghai	25	„ (sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	83⅝	„ (buyers)	1/6 1/32
		Japan	
		2 mths	
		„ (sellers)	80½
		„ (buyers)	79

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	402.50	Shanghai	4½d.
Paris	176.50	Bombay	1/6 3/32
Berlin	—	Hongkong	1/2 15/16
Amsterdam	7.53	Singapore	2/4 3/32
Brussels	23.75	Yokohama	1/2 3/32
Madrid	39.60	„ (buying)	1/2 1/16
Milan	77.50	Prague	—
Berne	17.85		

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.20	Montreal	86.625
Spain	9.95	Brazil	5.10
Holland	53.15	Japan	23.35
Paris	2.24¼	Shanghai	7.25
Brussels	16.88	Hungary	18.00
Italy	5.05	Rumania	0.63/73½
S'zerland	22.43	Yugo Slavia	2.35
Sweden	23.82½	Greece	0.73
Norway	22.72½	Bulgaria	Unq.
Denmark	19.32½	Finland	1.75 N
London			3.95½
„ Demand			3.94
Buenos Aires, Paper			Unq.
„ „ Market Rate			23.25
Montreal on London			4.56 7/16

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London:		Feb. 14.
Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	1 1/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	1 3/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
Fine Trade Bills,	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		⅞%
New York:		
Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months		0½%B
		0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months		0 9/16%B
		0½%A
Call Money		1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

January Rubber Outputs

	lb.
Padang Rubber Co., Ltd.	34,400
Consolidated Rubber Estates (1914), Ltd.	101,025
S'hai Kedah Plantations, Ltd. ..	75,190
Bute Plantations (1913), Ltd. ..	56,690
Tanah Merah Estate (1916), Ltd.	87,000
Dominion Rubber Co., Ltd.	49,403
S'hai Pahang Rubber Estate, Ltd.	36,11?
Sungei Duri Rubber Estate, Ltd.	57,500
Kota Bahroe Rubber Estate, (1921), Ltd.	60,560

Silver Quotations

London, Feb. 15.

Quiet conditions prevailed in the London silver market today, with quotations being fixed as follows:—

	Feb. 14	Feb. 15
London spot	20 13/16d.	20¾d.
„ forward	20¾d.	20¾d.
„ gold	168/—	168/—

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

Yesterday's Closing

London/New York	U.S.$4.0250	59.627d.
New York/London	3.95½	60.68d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market opened extremely firm on favourable developments in Hongkew. Most of the strength was seen in Shanghai Lands and China Realties in which stocks there was a very heavy turnover with prices fluctuating rapidly. The next most favoured stock was I.I. Trust, in which 82,000 shares changed hands. Heavy profit taking was easily absorbed.

In the Rubber section, after a quiet opening, the weakness of exchange had the effect of bringing buyers into the market which closed very firm.

Official Averages

1940 High	Low		Today's Averages	Changes
287.52	105.32	General	273.85	+2.66
461.85	95.55	Rubbers	441.18	+2.85

Total 706,715 shares, 1,650 bonds.

Business Done

Int. Assurance 14/2/40					3733	*16.20
S. M. C. 5% Debs.					5000	*75.00
	33000	75.00				
	†4000	75.00				
Anglo Fr. Land Tael Debs.					2600	*95.00
Power 5½% Debs.					10000	*88.25
	58000	*88.00				
	†7000	88.00	1000	88.25		
Central Prop. 5½% Debs.					25000	90.00
F. M. C. 8% Tael Debs. 1921					1000	101.50
Central Prop					500	*17.50
I. I. Trust			500	20.25	1500	20.50
	500	20.75	9500	*21.00	500	20.75
	2000	20.50	500	*20.50	1000	20.25
	3000	20.00	3500	20.25	1500	*20.25
	10000	20.50	500	*20.50	7000	20.75
	500	*20.75	3000	21.00	500	*21.00
	1000	*20.75	6000	21.00	1000	21.25
	4000	21.50	500	21.25		
	†1500	21.75	1500	*22.00	500	22.00
	1000	22.25	1500	22.50	500	22.75
	2000	22.50	1000	22.25	1000	*22.00
	3000	22.00	1000	*22.25	500	*22.00
	500	22.00	4500	22.25		
S'hai Loan			500	19.20	500	*19.00
	2000	19.10				
	†2000	19.10	500	19.00		
Yangtsze Finance					6000	*16.70
	1000	16.70	1500	16.80	500	16.90
	500	16.80	2500	16.90	1500	17.00
	500	16.90	1500	17.00	500	*17.00
	7000	16.90	500	*16.90	1000	*16.80
	500	16.90	4500	16.80	500	*16.80
	500	*16.70	500	16.70	7000	16.80
	2500	16.90	3500	17.00	3000	17.10
	500	*17.10				
	†1000	17.20	3000	17.40	500	*17.30
	1000	17.30	4000	17.40	1500	17.20
	1000	17.30	1000	17.40	1000	17.30
	500	*17.30	1500	17.40		
Int. Assurance			500	15.60	4500	15.50
	2000	*15.50	500	15.40	500	15.50
	†3000	15.60	500	*15.90		
China Realty			500	10.40	5000	10.50
	4500	*10.50	2000	*10.60	1000	10.80
	1500	*10.70	1500	*10.60	8000	10.50
	1000	10.40	1000	10.50	500	10.40
	1000	*10.40	500	10.30	500	10.40
	500	*10.50	500	10.40	6500	10.20
	500	*10.10	1000	10.10	1000	10.00
	1000	*10.10	1500	10.10	1000	*10.00
	4500	10.00	6000	10.10	1500	*10.10
	1500	10.00	5000	10.10	6500	10.20
	†2500	10.20	1500	10.30	500	*10.30
	8000	10.20	500	10.20	500	10.30
	3000	10.20	2000	10.30		
S'hai Land			500	19.90	2000	19.80
	2500	19.90	2000	20.00	3000	20.25
	2000	*20.25	1500	20.50	3500	20.25
	500	*20.25	2000	*20.00	6500	20.00
	2000	*19.90	500	19.90	4000	20.00
	500	*20.00	500	19.80	500	*19.90
	1000	19.80	1500	*20.00	3000	19.90
	1000	19.80	2000	19.70	3000	19.50
	1500	*19.50	500	19.60	2500	19.50
	500	19.60	1000	*19.50	2000	19.50
	1000	19.60	2000	19.50	500	*19.50
	1500	19.60	1000	19.50	500	*19.60
	2000	*19.50	6500	19.60	500	19.70
	1000	19.60	500	*19.60	500	19.70
	500	19.80	4500	19.90	500	19.80
	†7000	[illegible]	500	*19.90	1000	*20.00
	1500	19.90	2000	20.00	500	*20.00
	500	*[illegible]	2000	20.00	2000	19.90
	2000	19.80	1000	*19.80	1000	*29.75
New Eng. (Ord)			100	29.50	2500	29.75
	100	*29.75				
	†200	29.75	1800	84.50		
Wheelock			800	84.00	300	84.50
	†100	84.50	200	85.00	400	85.50
	300	85.00	500	*85.00	300	85.50
	200	*85.50	500	86.00		
C. G. Omnibus			500	*27.75	500	27.75
	300	27.50	200	*27.50	100	*27.75
	1700	27.50	200	*27.75	300	*27.75
	400	27.50	100	*27.50	300	*27.75
	300	27.50	500	27.75	800	27.50
	300	27.75	100	*27.75		
	†100	27.75	300	27.50	100	27.75
	200	*27.75	100	27.50	200	27.75
	300	*27.50	1000	27.75		
S'hai Gas			100	19.20	200	19.10
	200	19.00				
	†300	19.00	100	*19.00	300	18.80
Telephone			100	*27.75	100	*27.50
	200	27.50	100	27.75	100	*27.50
	500	27.50	200	27.75	100	27.50
	100	27.75				
	†100	*27.75	1200	28.00		
Tram (Bearer) £1					100	49.00
	100	*48.25	200	48.50	700	49.00
	600	49.50	900	49.25	100	*49.50
	700	49.50	100	49.75	200	50.00
	†200	50.50	300	*51.00	200	52.00
	800	52.50				
Metal			100	22.50	100	*22.75
	100	*23.00	500	23.00	300	22.75
	200	*22.75	400	23.00	200	22.75
	†200	*22.75	1100	23.00	100	*23.00
	1000	*23.25	800	23.00	1300	23.25
Lumber			300	*52.50	1500	52.50
	100	52.00	400	52.50	500	52.00
	†200	51.50	800	52.00		
Exploration			1000	12.00	500	*11.90
	500	11.90	500	11.80	3000	11.90
	2500	11.80				
	†3000	11.90	4000	12.00	500	*12.00
	500	*12.10	2500	12.10	1500	12.00
Power (Pref)			100	132.00	100	133.00
	300	*134.00	160	134.00		
	†60	133.75	700	*‡133.00		
Ewo Mills (Ord)			200	36.00	1400	36.25
	200	36.50	100	*36.25	2000	36.50
	7600	36.25	500	*36.50	1000	*36.25
	200	36.50				
	†3600	36.50	200	*36.50	100	*36.25
	300	*36.75	100	36.50	200	36.75
	300	*36.75	400	36.50		
China Finance			1000	1.96	2000	1.9[illegible]
Anglo Dutch			100	*27.75	100	*28.00
	1600	28.00	300	28.50		
	†900	28.50	100	28.75	200	28.50
	100	29.00				
	†1100	53.50				
Anglo Java			700	53.00	200	*53.00
Batu Anam.			1000	*2.70	4000	2.65
	2000	2.70				
	†1000	2.75	1000	*2.75		
Brte			500	13.70	1000	13.[illegible]
	†1000	13.90	500	*13.90	1000	13.8[illegible]
Chemor			3000	4.65	2000	*4.70
	†1000	4.75	1000	4.70	1000	*4.75
Cheng			1000	*1.48	4000	1.46
	2000	*1.46	1000	*1.48	4000	1.48
	†14000	1.50	2000	1.52		
Consolidated			500	12.80	5000	13.00
	1500	12.80	500	12.90	500	*13.00
	500	13.10				
	†2000	13.20	1000	13.30	500	*13.30
Kota					1000	8.60
Kroewoek			1000	4.15	1000	4.20
	1000	*4.15	2000	4.15	2000	4.20
	2000	*4.20	1000	*4.25	3000	4.25
	8000	4.30				
	†1000	*4.30	1000	*4.35	2000	4.35
	1000	4.40	1000	*4.40	5000	4.35
	1000	*4.40	1000	4.35		
Langkats			500	36.50	500	*36.50
	700	36.50	200	36.75	300	36.50
	200	37.00	100	*37.00		
	†1000	*37.00	1700	37.00	400	37.25
	600	37.50	100	37.25	200	37.50
	100	*37.75				
Padang			1000	4.40	1000	4.50
	1000	4.40				
	†1000	4.55	2000	4.60		
Permata					1000	2.40
	†4000	2.40				
Repah					4000	2.30
	†3000	2.32½	4000	2.35		
Rubber Trust			3000	13.50	500	*13.60
	1000	13.50	2000	13.60	1000	13.70
	500	13.80	1000	13.70		
	†3500	13.80	3000	13.90	1000	14.00
Samagaga					1000	3.0[illegible]
	†1000	3.05	1000	3.10	1000	3.05
Senawang			1000	*3.25	1000	*3.20
	1000	*3.25	2000	3.25	1000	3.27½
	3000	3.25	2000	3.22½	300	3.25
	†3000	3.35	2000	3.37½		
Kedah			1000	*17.00	2500	16.80
Kelantan			1000	1.56	21000	1.58
	5000	1.60	3000	1.58	1000	1.60
	†600	*1.60	6000	1.60	3000	1.62
Pahang			1000	8.60	1000	9.00
Sua Manggis					1000	4.1[illegible]
	†1000	4.05				
Sungala			1000	12.50	500	12.60
	500	12.80				
	†500	*12.80	1500	12.90	1000	13.00
Tanah Merah			3000	5.50	1000	5.55
	1000	5.50	1000	5.60		
	†8000	5.60				
Tebong			2000	2.50	1000	2.55
	1000	*2.57½	6000	2.55½		
	†3000	2.60	1000	2.67½	1000	2.65
	3000	2.67½	4000	2.65	2000	2.67½
Ziangbe			300	39.00	100	33.7[illegible]
	200	39.50	300	39.75		
	†500	39.75	100	39.50	400	40.00

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 14.

Home rails on the London Stock Exchange today moved sharply higher on the Great Western Railway's ordinary dividend of 3½ per cent., compared with ½ per cent previously.

British gilt edged securities ruled fractionally higher, whilst industrials encountered a selective demand. Gold minings were dull.—Reuter.

	Feb. 13	14
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	98⅜	98½
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	52½	52½
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	56	55½
	Osaka, Feb. 15.	
Kogo 5%		Y106.13
COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	14/3	14/3
Armstrong Stevens	6/-	6/-
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	40/4½	40/4½
Austin Motors, ord.	16/6	16/6
Bristol Aeroplane	14/6	14/6
British American Tob.	100/-	99/4½
Cable & W. new form	62	62
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/9	7/9
Courtaulds	37/4½	37/10½
Distillers	67/-	67/3
Dunlop Rubber	31/4½	31/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	78/4½	78/6
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	75/-	75/-
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	12/9	12/3
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/-	30/10½
Imp. Tobacco	118/1½	118/1½
Leyland Motors	68/1½	68/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	51/4½	51/3
Pressed Steel, com.	15/3	15/-
Rolls-Royce	80/7½	82/6
Smethwick Drop Forgings	13/-	13/-
Tate & Lyle	53/9	53/6
Turner & Newall	63/4½	63/1½
United Steel	23/3	23/3
Vickers, ord.	20/10½	21/1½
Woolworths	61/-	61/-
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo-Dutch	26/3	26/3
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	34/4½	34/4½
MINES		
Burma Corp.	9/6	9/6
Commonwealth Min.	Unq.	Unq.
Marsman Invests.	15/-	15/3
Randfontein Ests.	33/1½	33/9
Sub-Nigel	188/9	187/6
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	12/4½	12/3
OILS		
Anglo-Iranian	54/4½	53/9
Burmah	66/3	65/7½
Mexican Eagle	5/6	5/9
Shell Trans. & Trad.	72/6	73/1½
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£60	60
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	50	50
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	50
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	30	30
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	40½	40
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	12	12
5% Honan Rly., 1905	16	16
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	19	19
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	17	17
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	14	14
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	20	20
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% „ „ G.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	16	16
S'hai Elec. Construction	15/-	15/-
S'hai Waterworks "A"	14½	14½
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	26½	26½
Chartd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9	9
H. & S. Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	85½	85
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	87½	87
Mercantile Bank of India	12⅜	12⅜
Chinese Eng. & Min.	18/-	18/-
Chosen Corp.	6/6	6/6
Pekin Syndicate	1/6	1/6
Gula Kalumpong Rubber	21/10½	21/10½

Manchoukuo Extends Control of Cereals

Hsinking, Feb. 15.

The State control of the staple cereal trade in Manchoukuo is being reinforced and extended to the following additional products by the promulgation of a new ordinance:

Kaoliang (including crushed, compressed and waste).
Polished Kaoliang (including crushed and compressed products).
Kaoliang-bran.
Maize (including crushed and compressed products).
Millet (including crushed, compressed, and waste).
Polished Millet (including crushed and compressed products).
All the above cereals mixed with other agricultural products or their derivatives).

It is recalled that the Law on the Control of Staple Cereals, while having instituted a virtual monopoly as regards the Soya Bean trade, did not clearly pecify the extent of agricultural products to which it is applicable. The exporters having taken advantage of this loophole in the law, the Government found it necessary to promulgate the additional ordinance.

While commenting on the subject, the "Manchuria Daily News" says the export of staple cereals from Manchoukuo "is expected to be completely curbed with the enforcement of the new measure."—Havas.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 15.	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.19		.19	
Antamok	.165		.165	
Baguio Gold	.235		.235	S
Batong Buhay	.014	S	.014	S
Benguet Consolidated ..	5.60*	S	—	
Big Wedge	.205		.205	
Coco Grove	.145	S	.145	S
Consolidated Mines ..	.0035	S	.004	S
Demonstration	.13		.13	S
East Mindanao	.10		.10	
I X L	.375	S	.375	S
Ipo Gold	.115		.115	
Itogon	.275	S	.275	S
Masbate Consolidated ..	.10		.10	
Mine Operations	.105		.105	S
North Camarines	.095		.095	
Paracale Gumaus	.225		.225	
San Mauricio	.82	S	.82	S
Surigao Consolidated ..	.17		.17	
Suyoc	.125		.125	
Syndicate Investment ..	.024		.024	
United Paracale	.30	S	.30	S
Mindanao Motherlode ..	.095		.0975	S

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.
Turnover for the Morning: 36,000 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 76.51.
—Reuter.

Cathay Land					1000	5.00
Metro. Land					†500	13.00
Metro. Land "B"					1000	12.60
S. W. W. Fittings					1000	3.00
S. W. W. "C"					†100	38.50
S. W. W. 6% Tael Debs.					†4000	96.00
	3500	*96.00				
Union Ins.					35*‡	Hk.$475.00
Caldbeck Macg. (Pref)					100	*14.00
Alma					†200	56.00
Telephone 6% Debs.					†10000	*96.00
Seremban					†1000	*4.25
Kaiping			†100	*56.50	200	56.50
	100	57.00				
Java Consolidated					†1000	7.20
	1000	7.30				
Kota					†1000	6.70
ODD LOTS						
S. M. C. 5% Debs. 1934					800	75.00
S. W. W. "C"					50	*36.50
S'hai Land			100	20.00	400	*20.75
	300	20.00	100	*19.70	200	19.40
	200	19.40	110	19.40	100	*19.50
	200	19.70	100	19.40	100	20.00
	200	19.70	100	19.50		
	†100	*20.25	100	*20.25		
China Realty			187	*10.40	53	*10.40
	374	*9.90	163	10.40	62	*10.00
	700	10.20	248	9.90	62	10.20
	200	10.20	117	10.00		
	†14	10.10	100	10.10	374	*10.10
	1	10.20	261	10.00	300	10.40
Chemor					55	4.60
Tebong					522	2.22½
China Finance					250	1.82
Padang					200	4.65
I. I. Trust			200	*20.75	100	19.40
	100	20.25	100	*20.00		
	†400	*22.50				
Kota					200	8.45
Int. Assurance					†500	15.50
Kroewoek					†500	*4.20
Yangtsze Finance					†250	17.50
Tanah Merah					†100	5.60
Ewo Mills (Ord)					†22	36.25
S'hai Dock					†1	325.00
Telephone					†50	27.50
S'hai Loan					†100	20.00

*—Direct Business.
†—Afternoon Business.
‡—Outport Business.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 14.

Another quiet session was recorded on the New York Stock Exchange, with prices moving within a comparatively narrow range. After opening lower, the market partially rallied and closed on a firming note. However, very little interest was displayed in market leaders but low-priced issues again featured today's trading.

Continued good earnings and dividend reports, together with prospects of the resumption of foreign steel orders, bolstered sentiment.

The turnover today amounted to 650,000 shares.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	148.83	147.65	148.33	—0.45
20 Rails	31.08	30.85	31.00	—0.13
15 Utilit.	25.00	24.78	24.85	—0.14
40 Bonds	—	—	89.34	—0.13
11 Commod.	—	—	58.60	—0.06

Feb.	13	14	Feb.	13	14
Adams Exp	8	7⅞	Jones & L	*59	*59
Alg Lud	22	21⅛	Kennecott	36	35⅞
Alld Stores	8⅞	9	Lak F & M	*4	4
Allis Chal	37⅛	37½	Libbey O F	49⅞	50
Alum Ld	98¼	96	Lockheed	31	31⅛
Amer Can	114⅜	115¼	Loew's	36⅜	36½
Am Cyan B	34¾	34¾	Mack Trks	26	25½
Am For Pr	1⅜	1⅜	Martin G	40¼	41⅛
„ $7 pfd	25	25½	McK & R	*18⅞	*18⅛
Am G & E	36	35¾	Monsanto	110	110
Am Loco	19¼	19⅜	Mont Ward	54½	53½
Am Metal	24	*23¾	Nat Avian	12⅜	12⅜
Am Radtr	9⅝	9⅝	Nat City B	*29½	*29¼
Am R Mill	15¼	15	Nat Dairy	16⅞	16⅞
Am Smltg	49⅜	49⅜	Nat Dist	24⅛	24⅜
Am Sug R	20⅝	21⅛	Nat Gyp	11	11⅝
Am T & T	171½	171⅝	Nat Lead	20⅝	20
Am Tob B	90¼	90¼	Nat P & Lt	8	7⅛
Am Wtrwks	10	9⅞	Nat Steel	69½	69
Anaconda	27¼	27½	Nat Supply	9½	9¼
Atchison	23¼	23¾	N Y Cent	16⅜	16¼
Auburn	1⅛	1½	Niag Hud	5⅜	5⅜
Baldwin	15¼	15⅜	N A Avian	24⅞	25⅛
Balt & O	5⅜	*5¼	N Am Co	21⅞	22
Barber	15¼	51¼	N Pacific	8¼	8⅜
Barns Oil	11¾	11½	O I Glass	63⅛	63
Bendix	31	30⅝	Pac G & E	33½	*33⅜
Beth Steel	76¾	76	Pac Lightg	47½	47
Bliss	13¼	13⅜	Packard	3⅜	3½
Boeing	23¾	24¼	Paramount	7⅛	7
Borg War	23⅜	23¼	Pann R R	22⅛	22½
Brid Brass	11	11¼	Phelps	37⅞	37½
Briggs Mfg	20½	20¾	P & R Coal	*0⅜	*0⅜
Bkn-M Tr	17½	18	Phil Pet	40⅛	40⅛
„ $6 pfd	63	63¼	Pitt C & I	*7	*7
Budd Mfg	5⅜	5⅛	P S of N J	41½	41
Can Pac	5	5	Pullman	27⅜	27½
Case J I	*69	*68½	Pure Oil	8½	8½
Celanese	28⅜	29⅜	Radio Corp	5¾	5⅛
Chase N B	*35	*35	Reading	16	*15⅝
Ches & O	40¾	41	„ 1st pfd	*26	*26
Chrysler	86	86	Rem Arms	*4¾	*4¾
Clim Mlyb	38	38	Rep Avian	6⅛	6⅜
Colt's	78	*78½	Rep Steel	20⅜	20½
Col G & E	6⅛	6⅛	Rev C & B	12⅜	11⅞
„ 6% pfd	88	87	Rey Tob B	40⅞	40⅝
Com Credit	47⅜	46⅞	Richfield	7⅛	7⅛
Com & Sth	1⅛	1½	Safeway	49⅜	49¼
Cons Edis	32	31½	Schenley	12½	12⅞
Cons Oil	7⅜	7⅛	Sears Roeb	85	84½
Cont Can	45½	45½	Shell U Oil	11¼	11¼
Cont Oil	24⅜	24⅝	Soc Vac	11¾	11⅝
Copwld St	16	15¾	Sthrn Pac	13⅜	13¼
Corn Prod	64½	64	Sthrn Rly	29¼	29½
Curtis Wr	10⅜	10½	Sperry	45⅝	46
„ A	29⅜	29⅜	Spicer Mfg	*31½	*31½
Deere & Co	20⅞	20⅜	Std G & E	2	2
Dist Cpn S	19½	19½	Std Brands	7⅛	7⅛
Douglas	82¾	83½	Std Oil C	24⅜	†24
Du Pont	183¼	183½	Std Oil N J	44⅜	44⅝
E P Lead	10¾	10½	Stone & W	10⅜	10⅜
Eaton Mfg	31½	30¾	Studebaker	11⅞	12¼
Elc A Lite	36¾	36½	Swift Int	31⅞	*†31¼
Elec B & S	7⅜	7½	Technicor	15⅛	15½
„ $5 pfd	*58	58	Tex Corp	44¾	45
„ $6 pfd	67½	66¼	Tex Gulf	35½	35¼
Elec P & Lt	30¼	29½	Tim D Axle	22¼	22
Fick Rub	14⅜	14⅞	Transamer	5⅝	5½
Flintkote	19¾	20⅛	Tw Cent F	11¾	11¾
Gen A Tr	54¾	54	T C F pfd	24¾	24½
Gen Elec	39¼	38⅜	Un Carbide	84½	83⅜
Gen Motor	54¼	†53⅜	Un Pacific	94¼	93¼
Gen Rly	16½	*16½	Un Aircraft	47½	48
Gen T & R	21½	21½	Un Air L	15	15½
Glidden	18½	18½	Un Corp	2¼	2¼
Goodrich	18⅛	18½	„ $3 pfd	42	41¼
„ $5 pfd	*64	*64	Un Gas	1⅛	1⅛
Goodyear	22⅞	†23⅛	Un G Imp	14⅝	14⅝
Gt N I Ore	14¼	14	U U Ind Al	22	*21⅜
Gt N Rly	23¾	23½	U S Rub	37	37⅛
Gt W Sug	28	27⅝	„ 8% pfd	111¼	112
Greyhound	16⅜	16⅞	U S Steel	58⅞	58⅜
Her Pow	*89½	88¼	Vanadium	32¾	33
Homestake	55⅛	55½	Walworth	*5½	*5½
Int Harv	57	56	Warner Br	3¼	3⅜
Int Nickel	36¾	36½	West Elec	113	112½
Int T & T	4	*4	Woodward	25	24⅜
Johns Man	73	72½			

BONDS

Amer. & For. Power	62¾	63½
Baltimore & Ohio	26¾	27
Brazil (U.S. of) 8% 1941	21¾	22
„ „ 6½% 1957	17½	17¼
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	86¼	86
Erie R.R. 6s 1967	15⅛	14⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel.	44½	44⅛
New England Gas & Elec.	68½	68½
Republic of Colombia	32¾	33¼
„ „ „ (1928) 6s '61	32¾	32¾
Sthrn. Pacific Co.	47⅛	47
Stand. Gas & Elec.	63⅛	64

*—Bid. †—Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Stock prices today declined during early trading but rallied later, with many issues recovering their earlier losses. The volume exceeded that of yesterday but was still relatively light. Activity was again centred on Loft Inc. and Studebaker, with both issues making new highs for the year. Socony-Vacuum was active and Universal Letf Tobacco, common, rose 2¾ points and the preferred 2 points. Utilities presented a firm appearance as also were rails and motors. Electricity output was the smallest recorded for a full week since November 18.

Stocks: Moved moderately lower in early trading but turned slightly firmer towards the close. The general business outlook remains unchanged, but the steel trade is encouraged by reports of increased foreign demand. Further Russian successes may adversely affect market sentiment, but if the expected increased Allied orders for materials are announced the market is likely to be stimulated.

STATISTICS

	Week Ended 10/2	Week Ended 3/2
Electricity Production (Edison Elec. Inst.'s)	2,523,000	2,541,000
(kilowatt hours—000's)		

EARNINGS

Stocks	1939	1938
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	$9,838,797 P	$6,012,423 L
New York Central	4,509,236 i	20,154,357 L

P—net profit. L—net loss. i—net income.

Dividend: Goodyear Tire & Rubber $0.25.

Cotton: Ruled quiet but steady. Spots and textiles were dull.

Wheat: Increases of Argentine freights to $0.82 are making Canadian wheat relatively cheaper and the increasing realization of the possibility of adverse crop reports, both domestic and foreign, is tending to be a supporting factor. A firmer tone was witnessed for spot.

Corn: The market was steady on the action of wheat.

Rubber: Acted well under pressure of large imports, restricted exports and the expected moderate decline in automobile production during the second quarter. The transfer of March to July is advisable.

Hides: A firm undertone was witnessed, with spots ruling steady. Tanners are showing interest. The transfer of March to June is advisable, as the difference appears to be advantageous.

Cocoa: The weight of March liquidation continued to be witnessed.

Sugar 4: Ruled steady unler March selling.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Feb. 14.

The general trend of the Bourse was weak throughout the session, especially on international stocks. The closing was irregular, with a very small volume of transactions.—Havas.

Shortage of China Tea For Export

No Stocks Available at Shanghai or Hongkong

Hongkong, Feb. 15.

China's swapping of tea to Russia for war materials today produced a shortage of tea for export from Hongkong and Shanghai.

A United Press survey of Hongkong tea traders revealed there was no tea available for normal export demand. Traders said virtually the entire China tea crop has been monopolized by the Chungking Government for shipment to Russia. It was understood the Soviets have been pressing for 100 per cent. delivery until China's barter committment of 220,000 half chests has been fulfilled.

British tea buyers long accustomed to filling large export requirements with Chinese tea have found no tea available for purchase in Hongkong and Shanghai this season. Several brokers understood representations will be made to the Chungking Government by the British Ambassador.

Agencies Disagree

There were indications of a disagreement between the two Chinese governmental agencies engaged in purchasing the China tea crop. These two agencies are the Fuhua Trading Co., a subsidiary of the Chinese Foreign Trade Commission, and the Chinese National Tea Corporation, another Chinese Government concern.

It was understood here that the Chinese National Tea Corporation has financed extensive tea buying in the interior of China with a view to marketing it in Hongkong to provide foreign exchange for the Chungking Government. This agency's purchases, however, apparently have been allocated by the Fuhua Trading Co. for shipment to Russia. The dispute between the two agencies has been submitted to Chungking for settlement, it was understood.

Traders understood tea bartered to Russia for war materials was being disposed of at secretly fixed price.

Tea Stocks

According to Hongkong tea brokers, tea stocks now held in the interior total 100 half chests. A half chest equals approximately 70 pounds of Pingsuey 207,000 half chests of country tea. Stocks held in Hongkong by Fuhua Trading Co. were estimated at 54,000 half chests of Pingsuey and 32,000 half chests of country tea. Holdings of the Chinese National Tea Corporation were 100,000 half chests of Pingsuey and 35,000 half chests of country tea.

Virtually all of the Fuhua Trading Co. holdings in Hongkong are reserved for shipment to Russia, but the company is pressing for delivery of the C.N.T.C. holdings to Russia as well, thus leaving British, American and other foreign tea buyers devoid of Chinese tea for the current year.—United Press.

Control of Cotton Industry Order

British Government Is to Have Delivery Preference

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 15.

With a view to expediting production and delivery of cotton goods to meet the Government's requirements and erport orders, a system of preference directions was brought into operation, under the Control of the Cotton Industry Order issued yesterday.

This order empowers Mr. Edward Burgin, Minister of Supply, to issue directions to producers and distributors in the cotton industry for preference to be given to production and delivery of goods under contracts made with Government departments, or for other approved purposes, despite obligations to which they may be subject under contracts.—Reuter.

Yen Bloc Exports Showing Gain

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

Japan's trade with Manchoukuo, Kwantung Province, and China showed a noteworthy excess of exports over imports in the years 1939 and 1938, according to figures announced by the Ministry of Finance at yesterday's plenary session of the budgetary committee in the House of Representatives.

Exports to and imports from those countries, were respectively; Y.2,078,730,000 and Y.818,579,000 in 1939, and Y.1,355,733,000 and Y.672,294,000 in 1938.

Export and imports to and from Manchoukuo in 1939 were: Y.749,533,000 and Y.508,075,000; Kwantung Province, Y.806,313,000 and Y.80,256,000; China, Y.522,884,000 and Y.230,248,000.

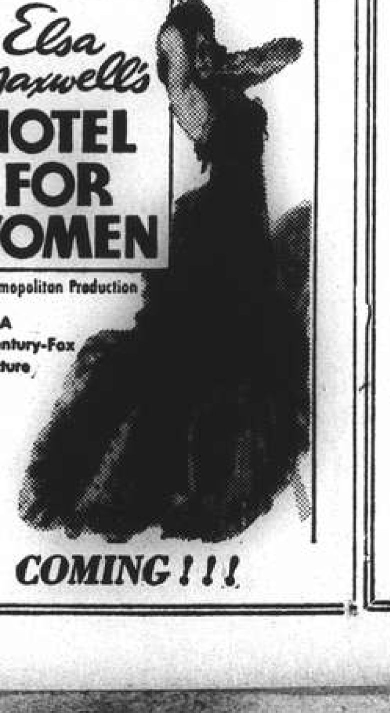
The export and import figures for Manchoukuo in 1938 were: Y.443,507,000 and Y.415,139,000; Kwantung Province, Y.569,199,000 and Y.78,372,000; China, Y.343,027,000 and Y.178,783,000.—Domei.

Dewey Says Silver Policy Dismal Failure

Salt Lake City, Feb. 15.

Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, New York District Attorney and possible Republican candidate for the Presidency, here yesterday described the Administration's silver purchase policy as a "dismal failure."

Mr. Dewey, who stopped here on a political lecture tour, described the problems of silver and other mining interests as just a single part of the whole picture of things needing correction by the Federal Government.—United Press.



U. S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 14.

The cotton market early advanced on trade and speculative buying and covering by shorts. Later, prices further hardened on renewed trade buying and local covering. Finally, the market closed very steady on the firmness of spots, with quotations ranging from 8 to 12 points up.

Prices in the rubber market today early eased on overnight selling orders, unencouraging cables, hedging and switching and small consumer interest. At the close, quotations ranged from 8 to 15 points down.

Wheat futures in Chicago today opened mildly lower on Liquidation by nervous holders, but the market later rallied on more export enquiry, shorts covering and mill, speculative and spot houses buying. At the final bell, gains of ¼ to ⅜ cent were recorded.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Mar.	11.00-00 +10		
May	10.73-74 +12		
July	10.33-33 +09		
July (N.C.)	10.47-47 +08	Mar.	19.02-02 —08
		May	18.54-54 —10
Oct. (N.C.)	9.72-72 +12	July	18.17-20 —15
Dec. (N.C.)	9.59-60 +12		
Jan. (N.C.)	9.55 N +12		
N. Y. Sugar No. 3		**N. Y. Sugar No. 4**	
Mar.	1.85-86 —1 B/A	Mar.	1.54½-55 +½ B/A
May	1.92-93 —1 B/A	May	1.55½-56 +½ B/A
Sept.	2.03-04 —1 B/A	Sept.	1.55-56 +1 B/A
Chicago Wheat		**Chicago Corn**	
May	99-99⅛ +¼	May	56⅛-56 +⅛
July	97-97⅛ +⅜		
Winnipeg Wheat		**N. Y. Silk No. 1**	
May	74¼ B +¼	Mar.	2.70-71 —11

B—Bid A—Asked.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 14.

Quiet conditions continued to be witnessed in the commodity markets today, with prices ruling slightly lower from the previous day.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 12 13/16 —1/16; sellers 12⅞ —1/16. Mar. del. buyers 12¾ —1/16; sellers 12⅞ —1/16.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 7.97 —2; May 7.97 —2; July 7.96 —1; Sept. 7.74 —13. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract: Mar. 10.25 +1; May 10.43 +2; July 10.53 +3; Sept. 10.55 +3.

METALS

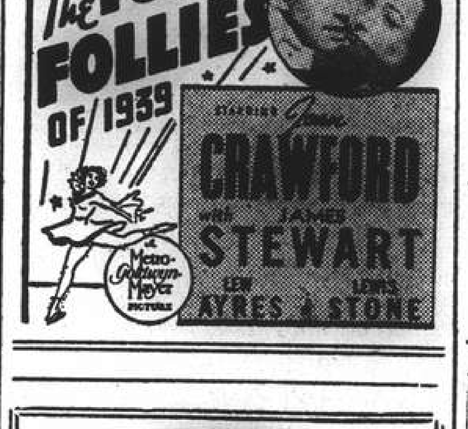
London Metals: Tin, Standard, cash, sellers £243¼ +¾; 3 mths del. sellers £243 +¾. The Straits, +268¼ +¾. Antimony, China Regulus, c.i.f. per ton, £70 to £75, nominal, unchanged.

New York Metals: Antimony, Chinese, in carload lots (25 tons), f.o.b. New York, duty paid, 16½ cents per lb., unchanged. Tin, Straits, c.i.f. New York (25 ton lots) 45⅛ cents per lb., unchanged. Copper, Electrolytic, first hand, 11¼ cents per lb., unchanged. —Reuter.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Changshu rice per shih (176 lb.)		$57.00
Sungkiang rice	„	53.00
Saigon rice	„	49.50
Cotton yarn 20's, Double Horse	per bale	$847.00
Tungchow cotton ..	per picul	193.00
		picul
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15		$5,300
„ „ 13/15 83%		—
„ „ 20/22		4,900
„ „ 20/22 78%		5,050
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)		$25.00
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)		10.00
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)		15.00



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ss. TSINGTAO MARU	Feb. 23	Feb. 25 at 9 a.m.
ss. DAIREN MARU	Feb. 26	Feb. 28 at 9 a.m.
ss. HOTEN MARU	Feb. 29	Mar. 2 at 9 a.m.

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TUSIMA MARU ..... Feb. 27

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Singapore, Tuticorin, Pondicherry and Madras
GENOA MARU ..... Feb. 23

Orient-South America Line
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RAKUYO MARU ..... Feb. 25

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TO-DAY, February 16

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Due Shanghai TO-DAY, February 16
Passengers are expected at Customs Jetty at 7 p.m.
Sailing direct for SAN FRANCISCO
Last tender leaves Customs Jetty at 11.30 a.m.
TO-MORROW, February 17
13 Days Shanghai—San Francisco

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Passengers are expected at Customs Jetty at 10.30 p.m. Sailing for NEW YORK via Hongkong, Manila, S.S., India, Suez and Europe. Last tender leaves Customs Jetty at 6.00 p.m. TUESDAY, February 20

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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From MANILA: President Taft, with mail, due 6 p.m. Buoys 12-13. Passengers expected at Customs Jetty about 7 p.m.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedule the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From BATAVIA		
C. B'camano	26/1	22/2	Tjinegara	13/2	26/2
Marin Sanudo	29/12	15/3			
From TRIESTE			**From MANILA**		
C. Rosso	9/2	7/3	Lexa Maersk	8/2	17/2
Monte Piana	20/1	9/3			
From SOERABAYA			**From HONGKONG**		
Tjisadane	2/2	19/2	See "China Ports" below		
Tjinegara	9/2	26/2			

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From SAN FRANCISCO		
P. Garfield	—	19/2	P. Coolidge	9/2	27/2
Sorholt	30/12	21/2	Kamakura M.	14/2	9/3
Sophocles	24/12	22/2	**From SEATTLE**		
Ivaran	—	25/2	Satartia	—	22/2
Laura Maersk	10/1	25/2	Coldbrook	15/2	7/3
N. Maersk	24/1	11/3	**From PORTLAND**		
S. Navigator	—	12/3	Canton	27/1	4/3
P. Maersk	9/2	25/3	**From HONOLULU**		
From SAVANNAH			Tatuta M.	23/1	24/2
P. Maersk	13/2	25/3	P. Coolidge	14/2	27/2
From LOS ANGELES			**From KOBE**		
Sorholt	18/1	21/2	Sophocles	11/2	22/2
Tatuta M.	15/1	24/2	**From NAGASAKI**		
L. Maersk	31/1	25/2	Shanghai M.	17/2	18/2
P. Coolidge	5/2	27/2	**From KEELUNG**		
Kamakura M.	12/2	9/3	Toysa M.	16/2	18/2
N. Maersk	15/2	11/3			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MOMBASA		
Ruys	17/1	24/2	Ruys	4/2	24/2
Boissevain	14/2	23/3			

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN			From HONGKONG		
Dairen M.	16/2	18/2	Asama M.	14/2	17/2
			Lexa Maersk	11/2	17/2
			Tjisadane	16/2	19/2

VESSELS LEAVING

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TJISADANE Feb. 22. AMOY, HONGKONG, MUNTOK and JAVA PORTS.—The J.C.J.L. m.s. Tjisadane sails from Shanghai on Thursday, February 22, taking cargo to Hongkong, Muntok and Java Ports. Excellent passenger accommodation. Through tickets issued to European and Australian Ports. For particulars apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V., Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. 16247 (4 Lines). 21-2

STRAITS AND EUROPE

TAI PING YANG Feb. 16. ADEN, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID, BEYROUTH, CASABLANCA and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.—Motorship Tai Ping Yang of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai for the above-mentioned ports on or about February 16th. For freight or passage please apply to the agents Dodwell and Co., Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 16-2

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VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LIVERPOOL		**For NEW YORK**	
Husimi Maru	7/3	Lexa Maersk	18/2
Hakusan Maru	21/3	Torrens	24/2
For OSLO		Ivaran	27/2
Tai Ping Yang	16/2	A. Maersk	2/3
For GENOA		Sophocles	12/3
C. B'camano	25/2	Azuma Maru	13/3
Marin Sanudo	18/3	Tosan Maru	24/3
For TRIESTE		**For SAN FRANCISCO**	
Himalaya	16/2	P. Cleveland	16/2
Monte Piana	12/3	P. Taft	17/2
For BOMBAY		Asama Maru	18/2
Lima Maru	24/2	P. Pierce	27/2
Tusima Maru	27/2	Tatuta Maru	2/3
For CAPETOWN		Canton	8/3
Ruys	27/2	P. Coolidge	12/3
Boissevain	25/3	Kamakura Maru	16/3
For JAVA		**For SEATTLE**	
Tijisadane	22/2	Satartia	24/2
Tjinegara	29/2	Coldbrook	9/3
For SINGAPORE		**For YOKOHAMA**	
Genoa Maru	23/2	Haruna Maru	25/2
For HONGKONG		**For KOBE**	
Tatuta Maru	25/2	Kasima Maru	17/2
Kamakura Maru	10/3	Taiyo Maru	22/2
For MANILA		Taiyo Maru	1/3
Sophocles	23/2	**For NAGASAKI**	
P. Garfield	20/2	Shanghai Maru	19/2
Laura Maersk	26/2	**For DAIREN**	
P. Coolidge	26/2	Tsingtao Maru	17/2
N. Maersk	13/3	Dairen Maru	20/2
Sophocles	15/2	Hoten Maru	23/2
		Tsingtao Maru	25/2
		Dairen Maru	28/2
		Hoten Maru	2/3

VESSELS LEAVING (Cont.)

AMERICA

LEXA MAERSK Feb. 18. Via Japan for LOS ANGELES and via PANAMA to NEW YORK, BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, SAVANNAH and NORFOLK.—For Freight and Passage apply to Maersk Line, Shanghai Agency, 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 18-2

TORRENS Feb. 24. For LOS ANGELES and NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL.—Barber-Wilhelmsen Line motor vessel Torrens sails from Shanghai on February 24th, accepting cargo for all Overland Points. Dodwell and Company, Limited, Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11386. 24-2

SOUTH AND EAST AFRICA

RUYS Feb. 27. FOR MAURITIUS, REUNION, TAMATAVE, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, CAPETOWN, MOSSEL BAY, PORT ELIZABETH, EAST LONDON, ZANZIBAR and MOMBASA via HONGKONG, MANILA, SAIGON, BANGKOK (Koh-Si-Chang) SINGAPORE and BATAVIA.—The K.P.M. Line ms. Ruys sails from Holt's Wharf, Pootung on Tuesday, February 27. Cargo accepted for all ports in South & East Africa, also East Coast of South America. For passage and freight apply to the Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Agents, K.P.M. Line, Brunner Mond Building, 133 Szechuen Road. Tel. Nos. 16247 (4 Lines). 27-2

VESSELS DISCHARGING

D'ARTAGNAN. From Marseilles via Ports arrived on February 14, 1940, and discharging her cargo at Hunt's Wharf, Shanghai. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for exchange of Delivery Orders and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by consignees and claims against this steamer must be presented within 15 days of vessel's arrival or they will not be recognized. Damaged cargo will be examined in the presence of a Customs Officer on Tuesday, February 20, 1940, at 9 a.m. at the wharf by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. No Insurance effected. Cie des Messageries Maritimes. 16-2

MOKIHANA. The Isthmian Steamship Company's s.s. Mokihana, from U.S.A. via Ports.—This steamer is now discharging her cargo (except Prohibited Articles and Dangerous Goods) into the godown of the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company's Pootung Wharf. Consignees of cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. Consignees of bulk cargo are further requested to send their representative to the wharf to verify the weight of such cargo while it is being landed. All claims against this steamer must be sent in within 14 days from date of steamer's arrival or they will not be recognized. Ship damaged cargo will be examined only on February 21, 1940, Wednesday commencing at 9 a.m. in accordance with Customs Regulations governing same. All risk of fire at the godown and wharf to be borne by the Consignees. Isthmian Steamship Company. 19-2

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The following times apply to the Head Post Office, Szechuen Road Bridge. Earlier posting at Sub-Offices is needed.

FRIDAY, February 16.		Reg.	Ord.
Chinhai and Ninghsien		*20.00	7.15
U.S.S.R. and Europe via Siberia		*20.00	8.00
Minhow Foochow via Santuao		*20.00	8.00
Japan Honolulu and U.S.A.		*20.00	8.15
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai		9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Indo-China and Straits		10.00	11.00
Hongkong and Canton		10.30	11.00
Hongkong and Haiphong		12.00	12.30
Hongkong		13.00	13.30
Nantung		14.30	15.00
SATURDAY, February 17.			
Tsingtao and Dairen	c	*20.00	7.15
U.S.A. Canada and Europe via Pacific		*20.00	8.30
Japan via Kobe		9.00	9.30
Amoy Swatow and Canton	x	9.30	10.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	x	9.30	10.00
Japan Central America Canal Zone	BZ	—	—
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z. and Manila	x	19.30	20.00
SUNDAY, February 18.			
Japan Honolulu U.S.A. Canada Europe via Pacific		*20.00	9.30
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	x	9.30	10.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai		9.30	10.00
Hongkong	x	9.30	10.00
Aust. N.Z. Manila S.S. and India	x	16.00	19.00
Hongkong and Canton	x	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for U.S.A., closes at 16.00 on 16th.
B Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 17th.
C Parcel mail for S.S., F.M.S., Ceylon, India, Egypt, E-Soudan, Italy and other countries, closes at 16.00 on 17th.
X Provisional time—subject to alterations.
Z Parcel mail only.

Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on February 16, 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due London on February 23.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on February 16, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on February 27.
Air France per steamer on February 16, at 10 a.m. for registered and at 11 a.m. for ordinary.
Neth. (K.L.M.) Air Mail Service (Batavia-Naples) per steamer to Hongkong.
Royal Netherlands Indies' Airways K.N.I.L.M. (Saigon-Batavia-Sydney) per steamer to Hongkong.
Shanghai-Japan Air Mail Service: daily at 8 p.m.

Domestic Air Mail

Nanking per Shanghai-Nanking Air Line at 9.45 a.m. and 12.00, at Yuhang Road Sub-Office at 9.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.
Hwaining Kiukiang and Hankow per Shanghai-Hankow Air Line daily at 10.30 p.m.
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Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Wuhu, Tatung, Hwaining, Kiukiang and Hankow 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Remarks: For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia are despatched on every Tuesday and Friday per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Feb. 17, due L'don Mar. 23.
Per steamer via Pacific, Feb. 18, due L'don Mar. 26.
Per steamer via Suez, Feb. 24, due L'don Mar. 27.

WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Friday, February 16, 1940 (9th day of 1st moon)	SICCAWEI Feb. 14 16.00	Feb. 14 21.00	Feb. 15 4.00	Feb. 15 9.00
Barometer inches	30.34	30.40	30.43	30.47
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	+0.16	+0.14	+0.09	+0.09
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	0.00	+0.02	+0.09	+0.07
Wind (direction)	NNW	NNW	SE	WSW
" (miles per hour)	6.8	1.9	1.9	3.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	44.6°	37.6°	34.5°	42.6°
Humidity %	65	91	100	83
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	6	5	0	0
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report February 14	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.37	+0.24	30.30
Temp. Min. 32.°7 Max. 49.°1	40.°9	−0.°1	39.°4
Total rainfall January to 1 midnight before last (inches)	45.7	—	30.3

Time and Tide	16.2	17.2	18.2	19.2	20.2
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.36	6.35	6.34	6.33	6.32
Sun sets at Shanghai	17.42	17.43	17.44	17.45	17.45
Moon rises at Shanghai	10.55	11.40	12.20	13.24	14.25
Moon sets at Shanghai	—	0.43	1.38	2.34	3.27
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	15.17	16.10	17.22	5.49	7.10
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	8.10	9.26	10.50	12.40	13.24
H.W. W'sung Bar 6 to 18	17.40	6.26	7.30	8.50	9.59
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Fernplant	Housten	O. Thoresen
Tsingtao M.	Dairen	D.K.K.
Lipari	T'lungkong	Dong Shing
Iberville	Yokohama	M.B.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
P. Cleveland	Hongkong	A.P.L.

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Chekiang M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Chingning M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Hoten M.	Jap.	D.K.K.
Shanghai M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Jessie Moller	Br.	Far Eastern
Sakae M.	Jap.	Showa S.S.
Sinyo M.	Jap.	Showa S.S.
Tembien	Ital.	C.I.N.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Fran. Garnier	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
E. Carlotto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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ARIZONA MARU ..... Feb. 24
ARGENTINA MARU ... Mar. 15
For Bombay
MELBOURN MARU .... Feb. 26
For Calcutta
HAGUE MARU ..... Feb. 24
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MEXICO MARU ..... Feb. 23
TAKAO MARU ..... Mar. 1
Keelung Sailings
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Five Police Given Medals for Valour

Sub-Insp. Bretherton and Sergeants Cornwell and Sanbrook on the List

The Municipal Council has approved recommendations of the Permanent Awards Board, endorsed by the Commissioner of Police, that the Distinguished Conduct Medal Class II be awarded to Sub-Inspector H. Bretherton, Sergeant A. E. Cornwell, Detective Sergeant J. W. Sanbrook, Chinese Police Sergeant 394 and Chinese Police Constable 2926.

On December 15, 1939, C.P.C. 2926 (off duty) was sitting partially clothed in the front room of his house on Moji Road. An alarm was raised by civilians in connection with four Chinese who had attempted to hold up a pedestrian on Gordon Road. C.P.C. 2926 (still partially clothed and unarmed) immediately responded and chased one of the robbers for some 500 yards to Haiphong Road where the culprit fired at the police officer. The shot did not take effect and C.P.C. 2926 grappled with the armed man, disarmed him and arrested him.

On January 9, 1940, a message was received at West Hongkew Station to the effect that a robbery was in progress in a house on Tsepoo Road. A party of detectives under Detective Sergeant Sanbrook attended and succeeded in arresting two robbers who were cornered and held covered in an upstair room. At this juncture D. S. Sanbrook observed a third robber with a pistol in his hand (subsequently found to be loaded) attempting to run from one room to another. Instead of opening fire D. S. Sanbrook immediately closed with the armed man, disarmed him and effected his arrest. This case is outstanding in that D. S. Sanbrook achieved his object without firing a shot. Had he opened fire it is possible that a shooting affray would have occurred and Police and innocent persons might have become injured as there were detectives and others on the ground floor of the premises.

Avenue Foch Case

On December 8, 1939, Sub-Inspector Bretherton and Sergeant Cornwell were on motorcycle patrol on Avenue Foch near the intersection of Wei-hai-wei Road. They observed a male Chinese with a pistol in his hand running in the opposite direction to which they were proceeding. Sub-Inspector Bretherton immediately turned his motorcycle while Sergeant Cornwell drew his pistol and called on the man to stop. The armed man turned and fired several shots at the police officers at a distance of some 12 yards. Sub-Inspector Bretherton who was still driving had by this time drawn his pistol and immediately opened fire closely followed by Sergeant Cornwell. The armed man continued his flight while the Sub-Inspector stopped the motorcycle to change his magazine, Sergeant Cornwell jumping out and continuing the chase on foot. The motorcycle, however, again passed him and Sub-Inspector Bretherton after dismounting succeeded in bringing the man down with a shot through the head. Both officers showed outstanding initiative, courage and determination throughout the whole affair.

On December 15, 1939, Chinese Police Sergeant 394 was on patrol at the corner of Foochow and Hoopeh Roads. He heard a shout of "armed robbers" raised, saw several male Chinese running past him and immediately took up the chase. One of two robbers running ahead turned and fired at the Chinese police sergeant who blew his whistle and continued the chase which after a distance of 150 to 200 yards culminated in the robber being brought down and shot by C.P.S. 394 who led the pursuing party and disarmed the culprit. The Chinese sergeant's actions were particularly commendable in that he did not open fire in a congested area until he was reasonably sure he could hit his man.

When jellies or creams have set so firmly into glasses or cups in the refrigerator that they are difficult to remove when one wishes to achieve some decorative effect with them, just heat a thin knife in boiling water and slip it down the sides.

New York Market Irregular

New York, Feb. 14.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed irregular today. Prices declined early in the session, but rallied later with most of the leaders regaining their losses.

Commentators noted that caution increased on Wall Street today since the failure of last week's rally to carry through. Business sources reported somewhat more bearishness on industrials.

Some Wall Street experts said the increasing caution in the market was due to the dispatch of Mr. Sumner Welles, the Under-Secretary of State, to Europe. To hold any peace overtures now, they said, would have a bearish effect on business and markets. But many doubt this and contend that a long-term peace would have a bullish effect.

One commentator explained the situation by saying that last week's "rally caught modest, little short accounts, lulled into a false sense of security, and their buying was instrumental in the recent improvement of prices."

Steels met support in today's session after declines ranging more than a point in the big steels, but did not succeed in recovering all losses. Motors were firm with utilities from steady to firm. Some substantial gains were made by coppers.—United Press.

Japan's Favourable Trade Balance

Tokyo, Feb. 14.

Japan's trade with Manchoukuo and China during January showed a favourable balance of Y.47,127,000, with exports of Y.105,502,000 and imports of Y.58,375,000, according to figures released by the Ministry of Finance yesterday.

Exports to and imports from Manchoukuo during the period under review were respectively: Y 32,536,000 and Y 40,840,000; Kwantung Province, Y 37,245,000 and Y 3,953,000; North China, Y 18,394,000 and Y 6,720,000; Central China, Y.13,740,000 and Y.5,039,000; South China, Y.1,719,000 and Y.1,658,000; and Hongkong, Y.1,868,000 and Y.165,000.

During the same period Japan's trade with overseas countries, excluding Manchoukuo and China but including Hongkong, showed an unfavourable balance of Y 81,513,000, with exports totalling Y 112,963,000 and imports amounting to Y 194,476,000.—Domei.

South Manchurian R. R. To Sponsor Bond Issue

Tokyo, Feb. 15.

A plan of the South Manchurian Railway Company to issue Y.50,000,000 worth of bonds was announced today by the Industrial Bank of Japan.

The bonds will carry a 4.3 per cent. interest rate and will be retired over a 13-year period. The bonds will be on sale between March 1 and March 4.

The Japanese banking syndicate will subscribe to Y.10,000,000 worth of bonds, while the remaining Y.40,000,000 will be offered to the public. Payment for the bonds must be made before March 15. Each bond will sell for Y.100.—Domei.

Electricity Output in The U.S.A.

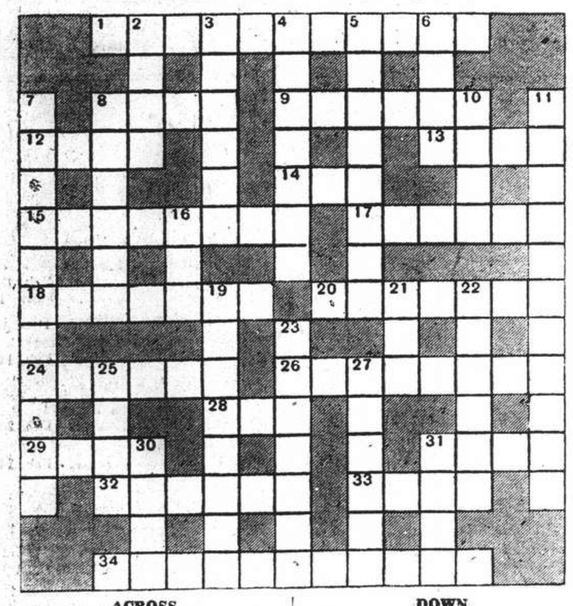
New York, Feb. 14.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended February 10 totalled 2,523,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute, which was published today. This indicated a gain of 11.7 per cent. over the corresponding week last year, when the output totalled 2,268,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,541,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 11.1 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE No. 115

(By Arrangement with the "Daily Telegraph.")



ACROSS

1 Joseph's brethren sought it (three words)
8 You shouldn't leave your car parked in it
9 If this is in a smash the jury may have to consider more than one rider
12 Those dare-devil trapeze people might give it to one
13 Living space
14 If in bed is hard hit
15 "R.A. on diet" (anag.)
17 Aim for an article
18 A blow from a Pole? (two words)
20 Not to be laughed at, or use is out of order
24 In Harley Street it goes in threes
26 A sweep we used to know
28 When double he is a real handful!
29 Not so much turned on this as Germany thought, apparently
31 A bounder, often
32 The fisherman's farewell?
33 The breaking point?
34 This treatment makes people ape their juniors, 'tis said (two words)

DOWN

2 A herd of ten and a broken one
3 Is this foreigner inhuman without the third letter?
4 A lack of commerce (two words)
5 This now applies to many children who were originally evacuated (two words)
6 Ships go to its head sometimes
7 He is facing slow death for fast reasons (two words)
8 Half of a sandwich could make all of it this
10 Kind of 6 down
11 There's not much sense in shutting the door of this (two words)
16 The charming part of nobility
19 A tidy job (two words)
21 Reversed in 1 across
22 What a man may became if he kills one of his in-laws
23 Thin, but rocky if beheaded
25 If put up with us is a star
27 Quite permissible, but not so good if beheaded
30 Part of 32 across
31 Structure that smacks of university and ships

Y'DAY'S SOLUTION.—**ACROSS**: 5, Saturn; 8, Membership; 9, Insist; 10, Boxing ring; 11, Opaque; 12, Resentment; 17, Use; 18, Piece; 20, Boss; 22, Race; 23, Mince; 24, Cur; 26, Stronghold; 30, Instep; 31, Argumental; 32, Mirror; 33, Shamefaced; 34, Delete. **DOWN**: 1, Before; 2, Oblige; 3, Bright; 4, Choices; 5, Spigot, 6, Tasmania; 7, Resource; 13, Soon; 14, Nose; 15, Mulct; 16, Negro; 18, Prig; 19, Echo; 20, Big Noise; 21, Scot-free; 25, Uruguay; 26, Sparse; 27, Number; 28, Hangar; 29, Leaden

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